

## **OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, *and* 

WHEREAS this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen and providing habitat for wildlife, *and* 

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *and* 

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS trees – wherever they are planted – are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard W. Syper, Mayor of the Village of Mayville, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2024 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Mayville, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and* 

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 9th day of April, 2024

Richard W. Syper, Mayor