

# Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor

### Arbor Day 2026

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day 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 have so many benefits including reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing 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 cities and towns increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Danielle DiPaola, on behalf of the Governing Body of the Borough of Emerson, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 25, 2026 as

### **ARBOR DAY**

in the Borough of Emerson, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland areas and I encourage all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations in Emerson; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I extend my appreciation to the volunteers of the Emerson Shade Tree Commission for their dedication to the preservation and conservation of Emerson's trees and, further, recognize their efforts, especially Jessica Fricke, in attaining the 2025 Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 21<sup>st</sup> year in a row!



Mayor Danielle DiPaola

April 21, 2026