

PROCLAMATION Recognizing Arbor Day 2024

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil, lower heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, provide wood for homes, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify communities; and

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, the holiday known as Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marana has celebrated Arbor Day since 2006 with tree plantings involving volunteers, scouts and school groups; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, has sponsored Tree City USA.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day 2024 is dedicated to ensuring the health and growth of our planet and its trees. Though silent, the trees undoubtedly appreciate efforts to keep the planet clean and green!

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana hereby proclaim and recognize April 26, 2024, as Arbor Day.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

David L. Udall, Town Clerk

Jon Post, Acting Mayor