

# Proclamation

**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 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 offer a multitude of benefits, including reduced erosion of top soil, lower heating and cooling costs, temperature moderation, cleaner air, increased oxygen, wildlife habitat, increased property values, enhanced economic vitality of business areas, and beautification of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource, thereby providing paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, as well as countless other wood products, and are sources of happiness and a sense of renewal wherever they are planted; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Douglas is now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA and is one of more than 3,500 Tree Cities across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, with communities worldwide facing issues with air quality, water resources, energy use, and personal health and well-being, Douglas is stepping up to do our part by ensuring we practice effective forest management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rene' Kemper, Mayor of the City of Douglas, Wyoming**, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as

## **ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Douglas, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that all citizens of our community are encouraged to plant trees to bring joy and promote the well-being of our community, this generation, and generations of the future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of the City of Douglas, Wyoming, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019.

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**Rene' Kemper, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Karen Rimmer, City Clerk**