

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 24th 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, Kim Pexton, Mayor of the City of Douglas, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 16th, 2024, 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 13th day of May, 2024.

Kim Pexton, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary Nicol, City Clerk