

Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

## ARBOR DAY – APRIL 24, 2026

**WHEREAS,** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be put 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 reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

**WHEREAS,** trees in our township increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and provide a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS,** **Monroe Township** has been recognized as **Tree City USA** by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA,** Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2026** as **ARBOR DAY** in **Monroe Township** and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Township's Community Forestry Program;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated: April 1, 2026

  
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STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR