

**PROCLAMATION**  
**ARBOR DAY**

**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 Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees 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 us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Muscatine has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Diana Broderson, Mayor of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Muscatine, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed and sealed this 21st day of March, 2019.

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Diana L. Broderson, Mayor