

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
2024 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024**

- 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 commemorative day, 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 to celebrate the important contributions trees provide to our society; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, moderate the air temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, absorb carbon to mitigate climate change, reduce home heating and cooling costs, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood to build 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, beautify and cool our community, and help reduce stress and anxiety; and
- WHEREAS,** College Park has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation for over three decades and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, that **Friday, April 26, 2024**, is recognized as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of College Park, and I urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program; and

FURTHER, I urge all residents to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Fazlul Kabir, Mayor
City of College Park