

Office of the Mayor

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

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees can produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce the erosion of our precious top-soil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperatures, clean the air, and help to absorb rainwater and slow the velocity of storm water runoff; and

WHEREAS, trees are a resource providing us with wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, paper, and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, associated with the management of the some 3,500 street, park, and public trees in the community, the City of Oxford has fulfilled the national Arbor Day Foundation's requirements for "Tree City USA" for twenty four consecutive years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Smith, Mayor of the City of Oxford, Ohio, Tree City USA, do hereby proclaim that on April 30, 2021, the last Friday of the month, the City of Oxford will recognize and participate in the national and international celebration of:

“ARBOR DAY”

I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Oxford to be affixed this **XXth day of March/April, 2021.**

(NOTE: Clerk of Council will insert appropriate date above)

MIKE SMITH, MAYOR