



City of Washington, Illinois Proclamation

“Celebrate 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

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 life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

Whereas, we plan on continuing our commitment for managing our trees in Washington; and

Whereas, we continue to remove damaged trees, plant new trees, and having myself plant an Arbor Day tree in a city park.

Now, Therefore, I, Gary W. Manier, Mayor of the City of Washington, Illinois, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022 as:

Arbor Day in the City of Washington

and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

PROCLAIMED this 18th day of April, 2022

Gary W. Manier, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Valeri L Brod, City Clerk