

CITY OF LEAD PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor **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 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, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and;

WHEREAS, Lead has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Everett,

**Mayor of the City of Lead, by virtue of the authority
vested in me, do hereby proclaim,**

Thursday, May 15, 2024 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Lead

and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and

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

IN WITNESS, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused to be affixed the

Great Seal of the City of Lead, this 6th day of May, 2024.

Ron Everett--Mayor