**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, Dustin Heupel,**

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

**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 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 5th day of May 2025.

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**Dustin Heupel--Mayor**