

# Proclamation

## IN CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY IN MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO

### Whereas:

**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 are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for 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, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN**, that I, Mayor Brenda T. Bodnar, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Mayfield Village and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

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

Signed this 18 day of April, 2016.

*Brenda T Bodnar*

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Brenda T. Bodnar, Mayor  
Mayfield Village, Ohio