

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY
APRIL 28, 2023

- 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 produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, reduce heating and cooling costs as well as the erosion of topsoil, and moderate temperature and clean the air; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for homes, and fuel for fires; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as

ARBOR DAY
in the City of Naperville

and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees, to support our city's urban forestry program, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville, this eighteenth day of April 2023.

Steve Chirico

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Mayor