

**Resolution 2017-04**

**Declaring the Last Friday in April as**

***Arbor Day***

**In the City of New Castle, Delaware**

**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 on the last Friday in April; 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**, the City Council of the City of New Castle, Delaware, do hereby proclaim, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day in the City of New Castle, Delaware, the City Council also proclaims that the last Friday in April shall celebrated as Arbor Day annually and urge all citizens to recognize Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**Further**, all citizens are urged to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**Dated this 10th day of January, 2017**

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Linda Ratchford, City Council President

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John A. Di Mondì, Councilperson

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Theodore H. Megginson, Councilperson

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Teel Petty, Councilperson

Attest:

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Janet E. Wurtzel, City Clerk