

# *Arbor Day Proclamation*

## *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; 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*, I, Jimmy Gambacorta, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, do hereby proclaim, April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day In the City of New Castle, Delaware, 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.

**Dated this 13th Day of March 2018**

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**Jimmy Gambacorta, Mayor**

