

# *Arbor Day Proclamation*

*Commemorating the Anniversary of Arbor Day and  
Proclaiming April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of New Castle*

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, at the suggestion of J. Sterling Morton, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed on April 10, 1872, 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 be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing 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, Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, do hereby proclaim, April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of New Castle Delaware and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and 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 14th Day of March, 2023**

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*Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor*