

Arbor Day Proclamation

Proclaiming April 24, 2026 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, Valarie Leary, Mayor of the City of New Castle, Delaware, do hereby proclaim, April 24, 2026 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 10th day of March 2026

Valarie Leary, Mayor