



Arbor Day Proclamation

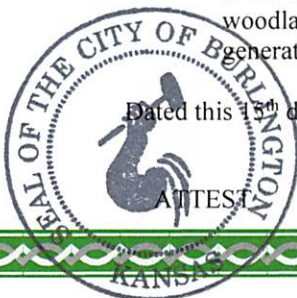
- Whereas,* In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees;
- Whereas,* this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- Whereas,* trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce 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; and
- Whereas,* Burlington, Kansas has been recognized as a TREE CITY USA for the 33rd consecutive year by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices and a recipient of the Growth Award for six times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stan Luke, Mayor of the City of BURLINGTON, KANSAS, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2026, as

Arbor Day

In the City of BURLINGTON, and 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 April, 2026.



ATTEST

Anne C. Brown
Anne Brown, City Clerk

Stan Luke
Stan Luke, Mayor