

**DEDICATING APRIL 27, 2018 AS “ARBOR DAY”**

*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 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 town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and*

*WHEREAS, the Town of Belleair has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation, and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, GARY H. KATICA, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, Commission do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as*

**ARBOR DAY**

*and urge all citizens of our community to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our town's community forestry program, and*

*FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.*

*GIVEN under our hand and the seal of the  
TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this  
20th day of FEBRUARY, A.D., 2018.*

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**GARY H. KATICA, MAYOR**