

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, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 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 my hand and the Seal
of the TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA,
this 4th day of April, A.D., 2017.

MAYOR