



Village of Baldwinville 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, 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 life-giving 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.
- Whereas, Baldwinville has been repeatedly recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-six years, and desires to continue its tree planting ways;

Now Therefore, I, Richard A. Clarke, Mayor of the Village of Baldwinville, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2022, as

 **Arbor Day**

in the Village of Baldwinville, and I 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.

Richard A. Clarke, Mayor
Village of Baldwinville