



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, the 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, lower our 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 town 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, we have a Tree City Committee which has led the Town of Oak Ridge in being recognized as a Tree City USA for four years; and

WHEREAS, our Tree City Committee has created a Treasure Trees program as well as held contests for our citizens to win trees and books about trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann Schneider, Mayor of the Town of Oak Ridge, do hereby proclaim April 1, 2021, as Arbor Day in the Town of Oak Ridge, North Carolina. I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Oak Ridge to be affixed this 1st day of April 2021.

Ann K. Schneider, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Smith, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk