



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 will be officially recognized on April 29, 2022.

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 7, 2022, 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 7th day of April 2022.

Ann K. Schneider, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra B. Smith, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk