



Office of Mayor

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 erosion, 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 beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, given the great forest lands that surround North Bend and the trees that line our streets and beautify our parks, trees form an important aspect of the City's character and identity; and

WHEREAS, the trees planted by volunteers today will beautify Torguson Park for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, North Bend has now been recognized for six consecutive years as a *Tree City USA* by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the National Arbor Day Foundation for our planting and stewardship of the City's trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth G. Hearing, Mayor, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2017 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of North Bend, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and forests, and to plant and care for trees to beautify our City and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed this 3rd Day of November, 2017


Kenneth G. Hearing
Mayor