



**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 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 and wood for our homes, 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, and;

 **WHEREAS**, the City of New Berlin has earned the national designation of Tree City USA by The Arbor Day Foundation for eighteen years now, and strongly desires to continue its tree planting practices.


**NOW THEREFORE**, I, New Berlin Mayor Dave Ament, do hereby proclaim:

April 24th, 2020  
 **Arbor Day**

in the City of New Berlin, 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.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the City to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
**The Honorable Mayor David A. Ament**  
**City of New Berlin**

