

ARBOR DAY 2017

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 value, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and bring a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Floral Park will celebrate **Arbor Day** by planting four Thundercloud Flowering Plum trees on Spooner Street with the assistance from the Department of Public Works Tree Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dominick A. Longobardi, Mayor of the Village of Floral Park, do hereby proclaim **FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 as ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Floral Park, and I ask all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dominick A. Longobardi
Mayor

Dated: April 28, 2017