

# 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:** 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 village 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.

**Now, Therefore,** I, Todd Dammeyer, Mayor of the Village of Versailles, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as




## Arbor Day

in the Village of Versailles, 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.

**Dated,** this 9th day of April 2025.

  
Todd Dammeyer, Mayor  
Village of Versailles, Ohio