

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.*

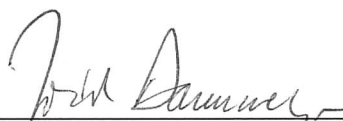
Now, Therefore, *I, Todd Dammeyer, Mayor of the Village of Versailles, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as*

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 22nd day of April 2026.*



Todd Dammeyer, Mayor
Village of Versailles, Ohio