

# Arbor Day 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,

**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 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 community 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, *Dan Kees*, Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Holiday Island Suburban Improvement District, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017, as

## *Arbor Day*

in Holiday Island, 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 17th, day of April, 2017.

  
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Chair, Board of Commissioners/Dan Kees