STATE OF NEBRASKA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, *J. Sterling Morton moved to Nebraska Territory in 1854 and as a Nebraska booster wanted to make the territory appealing to those migrating westward across the nation by planting trees to demonstrate Nebraska's agricultural potential; and*

WHEREAS, *Morton's dedication to tree planting for beauty and to support good agricultural practices inspired him in 1872 to propose a day specifically set aside to improve Nebraska through tree planting, Arbor Day, which became an official state holiday in 1888; and*

WHEREAS, *Robert Furnas, Governor and member of the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, proclaimed a statewide Arbor Day for the purpose of promoting tree planting for the benefit of all Nebraskans and supported Morton in promoting Nebraska's agricultural potential by founding the Nebraska Farmer magazine; and*

WHEREAS, *Morton in Nebraska City and Furnas in Brownville planted a variety of trees to test their adaptability to Nebraska's climate, and published articles for books and newspapers identifying agricultural and horticultural techniques for the region; and*

WHEREAS, *The University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Service, the Nebraska Forest Service and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum carry on the tradition of educating Nebraskans about the importance of planting and managing trees for statewide and community forest enhancement in coordination with Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts.*

NOW, THEREFORE, *I, Jim Pillen, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 28th day of April, 2023, as*

ARBOR DAY

in Nebraska, and I do hereby encourage everyone in Nebraska to celebrate Arbor Day and tree planting in Nebraska.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-three.

Attest:

Secretary of State

Governor