



Office of the Mayor

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, 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 city 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; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, we plant a tree in honor of Mayor David T. Handwerk, born and raised in Orrville, an Orrville teacher for 22 years, having served on City Council 18 years, 12 of those as Council President and serving as the Orrville Mayor for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, serving his community was made possible with the support of his loving wife Nancy, his sons Adam and CJ, their wives Lacey and Crystal and his six grandchildren Taden, Zyah, Ayla, Carter, Camden and Cole; and

NOW, THEREFORE, let this tree grow and flourish in their honor, as we also honor Arbor Day, Friday, April 26, 2024. I, Matthew Plybon, Mayor of the City of Orrville, Ohio, do hereby proclaim this day, as

"DAVID T. HANDWERK'S ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Orrville, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Orrville to be affixed this, the 26th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four.

Matthew R. Plybon
MAYOR

