

**CITY OF LACEY**  
***Official Proclamation***

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, 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 one 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 City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2019, as

***Arbor Month***

in the City of Lacey, and I encourage all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to provide beautification for future generations to enjoy.

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Mayor Andy Ryder  
April 11, 2019