

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
City of Eugene, Oregon

**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 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:** The City of Eugene has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lucy Vinis, Mayor of the City of Eugene, Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2019, to be

***“Arbor Day”***

in the City of Eugene and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

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



*Lucy Vinis*  
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*Mayor of Eugene*  
*April 5, 2019*