

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vernon Archer, Mayor of the Town of Riverdale Park, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2017, as Arbor Day in the Town of Riverdale Park and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands;

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Riverdale Park, Maryland, to be affixed this 3rd day of April, 2017.



 Vernon Archer, Mayor