

Proclamation

City of Oneida - Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be dedicated to planting trees, a day that would later become known as Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day celebration resulted in the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees help prevent soil erosion caused by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, improve air quality, produce oxygen essential for life, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood, fuel, and many other valuable products; and

WHEREAS, trees within our City increase property values, strengthen the economic vitality of business districts, beautify our community, and offer residents a sense of enjoyment and renewal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Rossi, Mayor of the City of Oneida, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026 as “Arbor Day” in the City of Oneida, and encourage all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees, parks, and woodlands. I further encourage everyone to plant trees to help promote a healthy environment and a strong community for generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the official seal of the City of Oneida on this 24th day of April 2026.

Mayor Rick Rossi