

Town of Zionsville PROCLAMATION

OFFICIALLY DECLARING THE WEEK OF APRIL 20 – 24, 2020 AS ARBOR WEEK IN THE TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville is well-known for its tree-lined streets and landscaped public areas; and,

WHEREAS, trees are an integral component of the urban environment providing shade and beauty which enhance the community's quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, trees provide ecological and economic benefits to the community by cleansing pollution from the air, maintaining soil stability to prevent erosion, and enhancing the value of residential and commercial property; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville has taken steps to preserve and enhance its streetscape and parks through the development of an Urban Forest Management Plan; and,

WHEREAS, fostering streetscape enhancement through the planting of trees and other flora furthers this effort; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville was first designated a "Tree City" in 2002 by the National Arbor Day Foundation in recognition of its effective ongoing community forestry program, one marked by renewal and improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville has maintained its status as a "Tree City" for the last 19 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council support and encourage the addition of trees and other native plantings that enhance and benefit the Town's environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville maintains its commitment to urban forestry through its People of Zionsville for the Aesthetics of Zionsville (PZAZ) committee, Trees and Other Flora ordinance, Tree Inventory Workbook and annual Arbor Week observance; and,

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, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Zionsville urges all citizens to continue this tradition by planting and caring for trees to promote the well-being of this community now and for future generations.

The Town of Zionsville, through its Mayor, proclaims April 20 – 24, 2020 as

ARBOR WEEK

and asks all Citizens to join in this observation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that citizens are encouraged to enjoy the forests and tree-lined streets of Zionsville and support efforts aimed to protect our trees, to grow our greenspace and to preserve our woodlands and natural areas throughout this week and all the other weeks of the year.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name.

TOWN OF ZIONSVILLE, INDIANA BY ITS MAYOR

Emily Styron, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johns-Cole, Deputy Mayor