

EARTHDAY/ARBORDAY

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 a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2021 is the 149th anniversary of the holiday and 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, reduce 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 beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, La Habra has sustained Tree City USA status for 23 years in a row; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day was originated in 1970 by organizers Gaylord Nelson and Denis Hayes to promote a healthy environment and a peaceful, just, sustainable world by spreading environmental awareness; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day, celebrated in April each year, will be the 51st anniversary of the holiday and demonstrates the fight for a clean environment through various community events, activities and campaigns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Rose Espinoza, Mayor of the City of La Habra, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2021 in the City of La Habra, as **Earth Day/Arbor Day** and urge all citizens to celebrate this day to support efforts to protect our environment including trees and woodlands.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 2021.

Rose Espinoza, Mayor

Attest: Laurie Swindell, CMC
City Clerk