

## EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY

**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 one million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, 2022 is the 150th 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 beautifying 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 24 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 52nd anniversary of the holiday and demonstrates the fight for a clean environment through various community events, activities and campaigns.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of La Habra does hereby proclaim April 16, 2022 as “Earth Day/Arbor Day” in the City of La Habra, and urge all citizens to celebrate this day to support efforts to protect our environment including trees and woodlands.

**DATED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

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Jose Medrano  
Mayor

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Attest: Laurie J. Swindell, CMC  
City Clerk