

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, 2026 is the 154th 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, food to eat, and they 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 28 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 56th 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 25, 2026, 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 6th day of April 2026.

José Medrano
Mayor

Attest: Rhonda J. Barone, CMC
City Clerk