

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1875 J. 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, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance our economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

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

WHEREAS, Mankato, Minnesota, has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and desires to continue its tree planting ways,

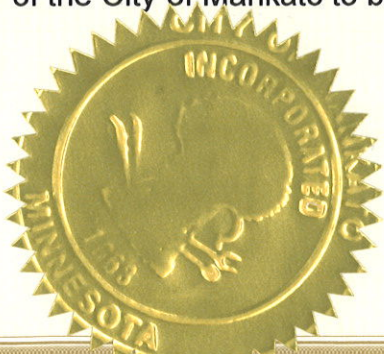
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Najwa Massad, Mayor of the City of Mankato, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Arbor Month, and Friday, April 24, 2026, as

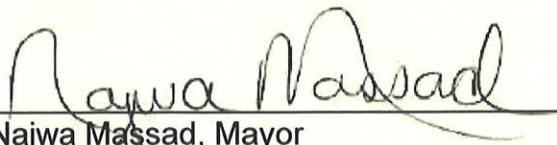
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in the City of Mankato, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden their hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of the City of Mankato to be affixed this 13th day of April 2026.




Najwa Massad, Mayor