

# 2019 Arbor Day PROCLAMATION



*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*, 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, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

*WHEREAS*, trees are a renewable resource giving up paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

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

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

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Vic Holmes, Mayor of the City of Rathdrum, do hereby proclaim the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Rathdrum and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Mayor, Rathdrum, Idaho April 2019

