

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## VILLAGE OF PINEHURST

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

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Pinehurst strives to be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, John C. Strickland, Mayor of the Village of Pinehurst, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as "ARBOR DAY" in the Village of Pinehurst, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program; and

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Village of Pinehurst, this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

  
John C. Strickland, Mayor

