



City of Blue Island's Tree City Proclamation

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees.

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.

WHEREAS trees are a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife.

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products.

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

WHEREAS trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and renewal.

THEREFORE, I, Fred Bilotto, Mayor of the City of Blue Island, do hereby proclaim April 23rd, 2024.

ARBOR DAY

The City of Blue Island and I urge all citizens to continue to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees, community, woodlands, and all green spaces.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees in appreciation of our land, and to promote the well-being for all present and future generations.

DATED THIS day of April 23, 2024, in witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of Blue Island to be affixed today.

Fred Bilotto, Mayor of Blue Island

