

*Office of the Mayor*

CITY OF MANITOWOC

# 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,** this special day, known as 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 habitats for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us 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,** the City of Manitowoc has been recognized as TREE CITY USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 41 years and desires to continue its tree management program,

Now, therefore, I, Justin M. Nickels, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, do hereby proclaim  
Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as

## ARBOR DAY

In the City of Manitowoc, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our community forest and to support our City's forestry program, and further, I urge all citizens to plant trees, take care of our existing forest, and promote present and future tree care.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and cause the  
Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be  
affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of  
Manitowoc this 15th Day of April in the  
year of Twenty Twenty-Four.

  
Justin M. Nickels, Mayor