

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day April 30, 2021

WHEREAS, in 1872, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Albany's urban trees grace our city streets, parks, and open spaces; provide shade and habitat for wildlife; improve air and water quality; increase property values and economic vitality in business areas; and contribute to a sense of community pride and ownership; and

WHEREAS, through the cooperation of all residents of Albany, the beneficial effects of tree plantings in our community and in our surrounding forest lands can be passed on as a vital natural resource to succeeding generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has been named as "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for 27 consecutive years in recognition of our stewardship of Albany's urban forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Albany, Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as

Arbor Day

in Albany and encourage all citizens to take time to appreciate and enhance our community's urban forest and to participate in activities celebrating our community's commitment to trees.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Albany to be affixed this 28th day of April 2021.

Alexander D. Johnson II, Mayor