



Proclamation

2023 ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, on Arbor Day, we celebrate trees and honor their essential role in the ecology of the planet; as the Arbor Day Foundation states, “Trees provide the very necessities of life itself—they clean our air, protect our drinking water, create healthy communities, and feed the human soul;”
and

WHEREAS, the history of Arbor Day dates back to 1872, when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees; on April 10, 1872, the date of the first Arbor Day, approximately 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska;
and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the United States and by nations around the world; **and**

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; trees are a renewable resource **giving us paper, wood for homes, fuel for fires, and countless other products; and**

WHEREAS, while the rise in atmospheric carbon is radically altering the Earth’s environment, trees can help to mitigate this by removing carbon from the atmosphere in a process called **carbon sequestration, and**

WHEREAS, trees also increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of commercial areas, **and beautify the community; and**

WHEREAS, Carrboro has been long been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and seeks to encourage open, honest discussion of ecological issues and find **solutions to the environmental challenges we face; and**

WHEREAS, Morton once said, “Each generation takes the earth as trustees...we ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed;” and in this spirit, the Town’s Public Works Department will join other communities in celebrating the **national observance of Arbor Day by planting trees in Henry Anderson III Community Park; and**

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023, to be Arbor Day in Carrboro.

This the 25th day of April 2023.


Damon Seils, Mayor

