



# ARBOR DAY 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 holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees, 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 cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat 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 Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community, and

**WHEREAS**, The Town of Castle Rock has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways, and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jason Gray, Mayor of the Town of Castle Rock, do hereby proclaim:

**April 17, 2020**  
**ARBOR DAY**

In the Town of Castle Rock, and I urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Town's community forestry program, and

**FURTHER**, I urge all residents to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of future generations.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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*Jason Gray, Mayor of Castle Rock*