

# City of Auburn **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 year marks the 152nd anniversary of the tree planter's holiday, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, while most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering, Arbor Day represents a hope for the future. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow to provide us with clean air and water, cooling shade, habitat for wildlife, healthier communities, and endless natural beauty - all for a better tomorrow.

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy, spiritual renewal, and beautify the community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees express the order of the nature, and show us all the strength of diversity, and the advantages of interdependency in adapting to a changing world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can be 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, and; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires; 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 Auburn has been designated a Tree City USA for more than 20 years; and

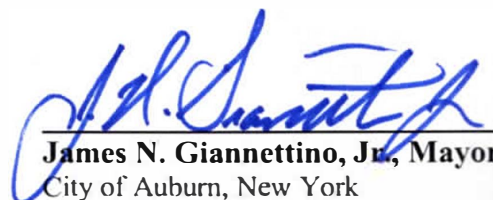
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, on behalf of the City Council and the Citizens of Auburn, do hereby do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024 as

## **ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Auburn, and we encourage our citizens and visitors to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program. Furthermore, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Twenty-Fourth Day of April 2024.



  
James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor  
City of Auburn, New York