



## ***PRESIDENTIAL 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*** , the holiday, called 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 erosion of topsoil by wind and water, purify the air and water by reducing pollution, and create plant and wildlife diversity; and

***WHEREAS*** , trees have been shown to reduce crime, increase property values, reduce heating and cooling costs, and conserve energy use; and

***WHEREAS*** , trees can beautify our parks and streets, improve the quality of our urban environment, and carry on the tradition planned by the inventive vision of Frederick Law Olmsted; and

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

***WHEREAS*** , The Village of Riverside plans to plant trees at Indian Gardens to celebrate as part of the Frederick Law Olmsted Society Landscape Workday on April 30th

***NOW THEREFORE*** , be it resolved that I, Joseph Ballerine, Village President, proclaim the day of April 29, 2022 as “Arbor Day” in the Village of Riverside, and I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the protection and care of trees within our community and woodlands.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF*** , I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Village of Riverside, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Ballerine", is written over a horizontal line.

Joseph Ballerine  
Village President