



WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day called Arbor Day for the planting of trees, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, as well as help to reduce heating and cooling costs, help clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and give us a renewable resource of paper, wood, and fuel; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and the City of Rockville will continue its tree-planting ways; and

WHEREAS, this is the 37th consecutive year that the Arbor Day Foundation has named Rockville a "Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, the City will plant a tree on April 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at Millennium Garden Park, 634 Great Falls Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, with 6th Grade students from Julius West Middle School, and in recognition of America250, Urban Forestry and Special Events staff will host the event, and a White Oak tree will be planted, which is designated as America's National tree and Maryland State tree, along with a plaque to commemorate the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **April 10, 2026**, as **Arbor Day**, and we urge the Rockville community to encourage efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our City's community forestry program.






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David Myles, Councilmember


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April 13, 2026