



## TOWN OF BLUFFTON 2016 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**, 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 reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air and water, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, paper, fruits and nuts for nourishment, and countless other goods and products; and

**WHEREAS**, when properly selected, planted in the right places, and tended appropriately, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Bluffton Town Council and Beautification Committee are committed to a Tree is the Key Tree Management Program that promotes a safe, healthy, and attractive urban forest; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton, do hereby proclaim Friday April 29, 2016, as **Arbor Day** in the Town of Bluffton, and I urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Further, I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this Twelfth day of April in the year 2016.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor