Proclamation No. 2024-06

ARBOR DAY

Brevard, North Carolina

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 a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, 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 City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, this is the 45th year Brevard has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Maureen Copelof and the Brevard City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 26, 2024,** as **Arbor Day in the City of Brevard** and we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our City's urban forestry program, and we urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well being of our present and future.

Adopted and approved this the 1st day of April, 2024.

Maureen Copelof
Mayor

Attest:

Denise Hodsdon, CMC
City Clerk