PROCLAMATION

APRIL 27, 2024 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

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 special day 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 are an essential part of our ecology and environment; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our 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 town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community;

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

WHEREAS, the Marlboro Township Shade Tree Committee has helped our community to plant countless trees, has honored Arbor Day every year, and in a celebration this day, we commemorate our Arbor Day tradition and ongoing participation in the Marlboro Township Community Garden.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 27, 2024 as Arbor Day in Marlboro Township I urge all citizens to visit our Community Garden, celebrate Arbor Day, support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor Township of Marlboro April 27, 2024