

**PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY**

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 this 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 specifically in Illinois since 1887; 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 life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

WHEREAS, trees in our Village increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation for thirty-three consecutive years and recognized as a Tree City USA Growth Award designee for twenty-six years and desires to emphasize tree-planting and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard has scheduled the planting of a Dakota Pinnacle White Birch tree in front of the Village Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023 as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Lombard and urge all residents to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our Village's community forestry program. I further encourage residents to plant trees to gladden our hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President