

City of Wheaton, Illinois



## PROCLAMATION

### Arbor Day 2023

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees and this holiday, called Arbor Day, which is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and

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

**WHEREAS**, in 2023 the City of Wheaton's Arboretum at Adams Park became an ArbNet Accredited Arboretum by achieving specific standards and professional practices for arboretums and botanic gardens, exhibiting 138 trees and 53 different species; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Wheaton's Public Works Forestry & Public Grounds division boasts several staff members whom are Certified Arborists through the International Society of Arboriculture caring for more than 20,000 trees throughout Wheaton; and

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

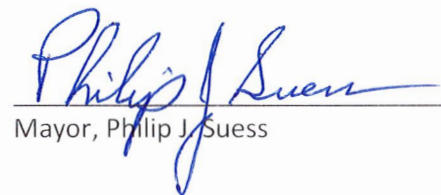
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City of Wheaton, Illinois, does hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 "**ARBOR DAY 2023**" in the City of Wheaton and urges all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

ATTEST:



City Clerk

  
Mayor, Philip J. Suess

