



**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY
IN NEW ALBANY, OHIO**

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 in the United States with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world, and

WHEREAS, in New Albany, our arborists, forester, and staff monitor and maintain more than 22,000 street trees; and

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

WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing 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 homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products, and

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kasey Kist, City Council President Pro Tem of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of the Council do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of New Albany, and urge all citizens to plant trees to uplift the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

WHEREBY, I set my hand this 24th day of April, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kasey Kist", is written over a horizontal line.

Kasey Kist, President Pro Tem
City Council