



Arbor Day Homeschool Proclamation

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WHEREAS, to celebrate and honor our Creator God and His great mercies upon His people; and

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, Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the nation and the world as a special event to promote the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, wherever trees are planted, are a source of joy, renewal and provide improved water quality and recreation; 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, watershed protection; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, our homeschool community appreciates and values trees as they increase property value, attract businesses and customers, reduce cooling costs, and moderate temperature making our community more attractive, functional and livable; and

WHEREAS, our homeschool community strongly encourages individuals and organizations to value trees and plant appropriate species in appropriate places, and keep them properly maintained so that we may have large beautiful shade trees in all parts of our country; and

WHEREAS, our homeschool community wishes to recognize the efforts of volunteers who participate in the planting of trees that beautify and lend value to our homes and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, our homeschool community will celebrate Arbor Week by planting trees.

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