



Arbor Day Proclamation
April 18, 2025

- WHEREAS,** The City of Louisville conducts an annual Arbor Day Celebration, employs staff dedicated to tree care, has written a tree ordinance, and spends more than two dollars per capita on tree care, the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizes the City of Louisville as a Tree City USA for the 44th consecutive year and;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Louisville received the Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for hiring a City Forester and completing an inventory of city trees and;
- WHEREAS,** through the work of the Parks and Public Landscapes Board, the City of Louisville has established and committed to an ongoing landscape beautification master plan involving the planting of numerous trees and shrubs and;
- WHEREAS,** through lottery proceeds the City of Louisville has established an arboretum and continues to maintain and manage through sound arboricultural practices and;
- WHEREAS,** the Parks and Public Landscapes Board and City of Louisville staff continue to educate the public on sound horticultural and forestry practices and;
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day has been celebrated nationally since 1872.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Christopher Leh, Mayor of the City of Louisville, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 18th, 2025 as Arbor Day in the city of Louisville and urge all citizens to celebrate efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 15th day of April 2025.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Genny Kline, Interim City Clerk