

- 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 Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and
- WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and
- WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and
- WHEREAS, the Town of Magnolia Springs desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, <u>Kim Koniar</u>, Mayor of the Town of Magnolia Springs, do hereby proclaim <u>February 25, 2023</u>, as



in the Town of Magnolia Springs, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this the 24th day of January 2023.

ATTEST:

Kim Koniar, Mayor

Hannah Driskell, Town Clerk