



# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The City of Seminole has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and this is the twenty fourth year Seminole has received this national recognition; 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 is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature and clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper and wood for our community, and

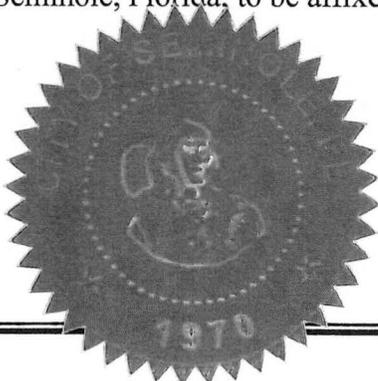
**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, do hereby proclaim April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration of

## **“ARBOR DAY”**

in the City of Seminole, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor