

## PROCLAMATION

**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 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 play an integral part in capturing and storing carbon and are therefore critical in a solution to the climate crisis, and

**WHEREAS** trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs of residents, moderate the temperature of increasingly developed and warming cities, clean the air, and provide health benefits for the community, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide and improve habitat for fish and wildlife, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2025, as ARBOR DAY in Milwaukie, and I 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 mitigate climate change and promote the well-being of this and future generations.**

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2025.**

  
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Lisa Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder

