



PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY 2024

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day celebration was held on April 10, 1872, through the efforts of J. Sterling Morton, who realized that trees beautify the countryside and help reduce the erosion of precious topsoil; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our communities improve environmental quality, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and improve our quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette has recognized the value of trees in our community and has adopted the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, which promotes urban forest restoration projects; and,

WHEREAS, because of Marquette's efforts to improve our community forest, the City has been named a TREE CITY USA for 43 consecutive years; and,

WHEREAS, Teufel Hunden Tree Care LLC has donated an Arbor Day tree, and the American Transmission Company has provided a \$350 grant, for 2024 to fund an Arbor Day tree planting in Marquette; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from Teufel Hunden Tree Care LLC along with members of the American Legion Post 44 will assist City personnel with the planting of a Sienna Glen maple tree in Harlow Park located at 600 West Washington Street at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 17th;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Sally Davis, Mayor of the City of Marquette, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 17, 2024, as Arbor Day in the city of Marquette and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED this 13th day of May 2024.

Sally Davis, Mayor