



PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY 2025

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 44 consecutive years; and,

WHEREAS, The American Transmission Company has provided a \$500 grant, for 2025 to fund an Arbor Day tree planting in Marquette; and,

WHEREAS, representatives from Park Cemetery will assist City personnel with the planting of a Sienna Glen maple, Princeton Elm, and a State Street maple in Park Cemetery located at 301 N. Seventh Street at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 17th;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Jessica Hanley, Mayor of the City of Marquette, do hereby proclaim , October 17, 2025, 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 14th day of October 2025.

Jessica Hanley, Mayor