



- 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
- Whereas,* 1997 is the 125th Anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day 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, clean the air, produce life-giving 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 city 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Strachan Mayor of the City of  
Berthoud, do hereby proclaim April 17th as the  
**125th Anniversary celebration of**

# Arbor Day

*Further* in the City of Berthoud, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

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

this 17th day of April, 1997

Mayor Richard D. Strachan

TO: Mayor Strachan  
FROM: Marty Lafontaine, TownArborist  
DATE: April 1, 1997  
SUBJECT: Arbor Day 1997

Our Arbor Day Celebration this year will be held at both elementary schools. We would like to have the Arbor Day Proclamation read at Berthoud Elementary School on Thursday, April 17, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. The State Forest Service will be there to present the Tree City USA recognition and we sure hope that you can join us.

This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day and we would like for our celebrations to be special. I have a copy of a special proclamation for this years anniversary celebration that I would like to use. Please give me a call and let me know if you will be able to join us. My pager number is 206-2690 or you can leave a message for me at Town Hall.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

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HERE IS THE PROCLAMATION & MEMO WITH DETAILS.  
SURE HOPE THE MAYOR CAN BE THERE. LET ME  
KNOW.  
Thanks  
Marty