



Proclamation

By The County Executive

Recognizing Arbor Day

Whereas, on Jan. 4, 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 one million trees in Nebraska; and*

*Whereas, **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 wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

*Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby recognize April 27, 2018, as **Arbor Day**, and commend the Mercer County Shade Tree Unit for enriching the lives of Mercer County students and residents.*



Brian M. Hughes
County Executive