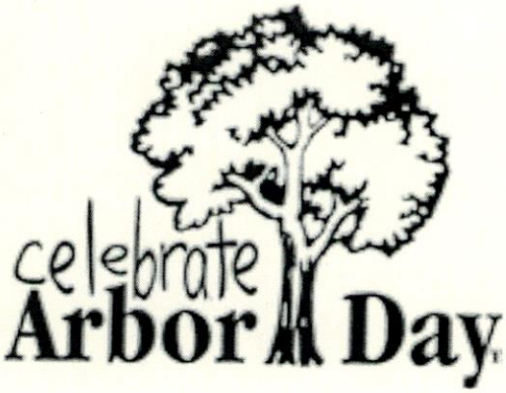
PROCLAMATION



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,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and it 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 Borough increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Frank Bivona, Mayor of the Borough of Franklin Lakes, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019, as Arbor Day in the Borough of Franklin Lakes, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

FRANK BIVONA, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sally T. Bleeker

Sally T. Bleeker, RMC, Borough Clerk