



## City of Blue Island's Tree City Proclamation

**WHEREAS in 1872**, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees.

**WHEREAS** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and **WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world.

**WHEREAS** trees are a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife.

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products.

**WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community.

**WHEREAS** trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and renewal.

**THEREFORE**, I, Fred Bilotto, Mayor of the City of Blue Island, do hereby proclaim April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

### ARBOR DAY

The City of Blue Island and I urge all citizens to continue to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees, community, woodlands, and all green spaces.

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees in appreciation of our land, and to promote the well-being for all present and future generations.

**DATED THIS** day of November 22, 2022, in witness whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of Blue Island to be affixed today.

Fred Bilotto, Mayor of Blue Island

