

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2022 AS ARBOR DAY IN BOWIE**

**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**, 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 oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie has been designated as a Tree City USA and a PLANT (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Community for the past twenty-eight years in recognition of their effort in enhancing urban forests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland does hereby declare April 30, 2022, as Arbor Day in the City of Bowie and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on April 18, 2022.

Attest:

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

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Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk