



## 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

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable source of paper, wood for homes, fuel for fires and other countless wood products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village desires to continue to recognize the benefits of trees in the community and to continue its tree planting program;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Williams, President of the Village of Cottage Grove, do hereby recognize that on April 24, 2020 the Village of Cottage Grove Forester and community will celebrate this day as

### Arbor Day

in the Village of Cottage Grove, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's community forestry program; and

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

Signed in the Village of Cottage Grove,  
Dane County, Wisconsin, this 20th day of  
April, 2020.

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John Williams, Village President