

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, 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 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 business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to encourage residents to plant trees and help in the greenery of Sunrise by getting involved in the swale planting, and memorial tree planting programs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise has been recognized for over thirty-eight years as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

WHEREAS, the City increased its commitment of resources for urban forestry through implementing several innovative programs and projects and was awarded the Tree USA Growth Award by the Arbor Day Foundation to recognize its higher level of tree care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 18, 2026, as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Sunrise.



Witness My Hand and Official Seal
Of The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor