



**PROCLAMATION
TREE CITY USA – ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

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 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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

WHEREAS, the City of Avondale has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Pineda, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avondale, Arizona do hereby proclaim April 26, 2025, as Arbor Day in Avondale and encourage all residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to plant and care for trees that will be enjoyed for many generations to come.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk