

Town Board Arbor Day Proclamation at December 13, 2022 7:00 pm meeting

RESOLUTION 231-2022

PROCLAIM NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Offered by Supervisor McKenna, seconded by Councilmember Ricci:

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 New York, 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 on average \$39 per tree per year, remove 261 pounds of pollutants each year per tree, produce life-giving oxygen, remove 24 tons of carbon dioxide each year per tree, 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, and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the celebration of Arbor Day,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Woodstock Town Board does hereby proclaim December 16th, 2022 to be recognized as National Arbor Day in the Town of Woodstock and urges all its residents to celebrate every Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to urge all citizens to plant new trees and maintain and care for our existing trees so to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

All voted aye 5-0:

Supervisor McKenna

Councilmember Reggie Earls

Councilmember Bennet Ratcliff

Councilmember Laura Ricci

Councilmember Conte