



Office of the Mayor
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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 be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing 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, although Arbor Day is traditionally celebrated in the Spring; research has shown that trees planted in the Pacific Northwest have a better opportunity for optimum growth when planted in the fall, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Tacoma Tree Foundation, Pierce County Parks, and the Pierce Conservation District for the second annual FirFest event, and

WHEREAS, FirFest is a tree giveaway event and ceremonial tree planting that will take place on November 5th 2022, and

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



NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim the second Wednesday of April as **Arbor Day** in the City of Fircrest and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day at FirFest on November 5th 2022 to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Passed this 25th day of October 2022

Brett L. Wittner, Mayor