

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 previous topsoil by wind and water, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, chemicals, fuels and other products; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our Town 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 Town of Vienna has received a designation as a “Tree City, U.S.A.” by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. DiRocco, Mayor of the Town of Vienna, Virginia, and the members of the Town of Vienna Town Council do hereby proclaim the twenty-sixth day of April, two thousand nineteen as

 **Arbor Day**

in the Town of Vienna, Virginia, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Corporate Seal of the Town of Vienna, Virginia, to be affixed hereto this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, two thousand nineteen.

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Laurie A. DiRocco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie J. Clark, CMC  
Town Clerk