



# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, The City of Seminole has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and this is the nineteenth consecutive year Seminole has received this national recognition; and

*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.

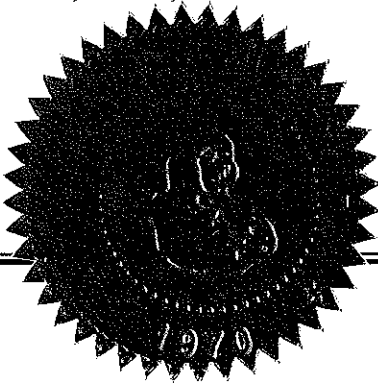
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, do hereby proclaim April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

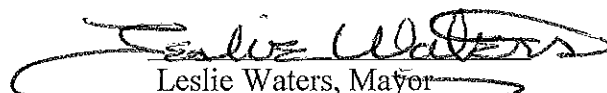
**"ARBOR DAY"**

in the City of Seminole, 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 official seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.



  
Leslie Waters, Mayor