ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY 2023

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 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 our business
areas, and beautify our community; and

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

WHEREAS the Village of Algonquin 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, Debby Sosine, President of the Village of Algonquin, do hereby proclaim the
last Friday in April, April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the Village of Algonquin, 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 heart and promote the well-being of this
and future generations.

Dated this 18th day of April 2023

Village President Debby Sosine

Attest: Village Clerk Fred Martin