

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: The citizens of Belmont take great pride in their trees and appreciate their immeasurable value to the environment; and
- WHEREAS: 2024 will be the fortieth year Belmont has been awarded recognition as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and
- WHEREAS: Trees and forests are renewable natural resources which provide us with timber for construction and furniture, paper and chemical products, electric energy, firewood for our hearths, recreation and respite; and
- WHEREAS: Trees and forest in Belmont reduce energy demands for heating and cooling, moderate the temperatures, clean the air, remove carbon dioxide from the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for birds and other wildlife; and
- WHEREAS: Trees in the Town of Belmont increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and improve our quality of life; and
- WHEREAS: Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE SELECT BOARD, declare Friday, April 26, 2024, to be Arbor Day in the Town of Belmont. We urge the Town's employees, civic organizations, clubs, businesses and schools to join in a concerted effort to plant trees throughout the community on their properties, to protect and care for our trees and woodlands and to join in observances and celebrations of Arbor Day in Belmont.

THE SELECT BOARD

Roy Epstein, Chair

Elizabeth Dionne, Vice-Chair

Matthew Taylor, Member