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City & Borough of Sitka

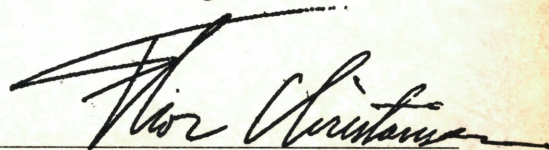
Arbor Day Proclamation

~ Trees, a joy forever ~

- 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,** 2021 is the 149th anniversary of the holiday and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world usually celebrated in Alaska on the third Monday of May; and
- WHEREAS,** trees counter the effects of carbon emissions and climate change, are a home for birds and other wild creatures, and wherever planted, are a source of joy, beauty and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision of the Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee is to support activities which help make Sitka more attractive for visitors and residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee is committed to furthering the goal of beautifying Sitka with trees and landscape areas; and
- WHEREAS,** in observance of Arbor Day, the Sitka Tree and Landscape Committee celebrated beautification and urban tree health by planting cherry trees at the Sitka Fire Hall.

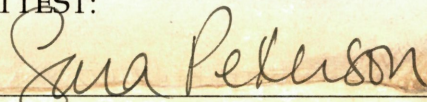
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, does hereby proclaim July 4, 2021 as the 149th anniversary celebration of Arbor Day in Sitka, urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, and encourages all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of June, 2021.



Thor Christianson, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

