

## PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY 2021 April 30, 2021

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil, lower heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, wood for homes, increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify communities, 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, the holiday known as Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Marana has celebrated Arbor Day since 2006 with tree plantings involving volunteers, scouts and school groups; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, has sponsored Tree City USA, and Marana will honor that tradition in 2021 by summiting a photograph documenting the dedication of a rescued Saguaro on the new Santa Cruz Shared Use Path from 2019 as part of the Town's national designation as a Tree City USA program: and

WHEREAS, this year the Town of Marana will be recognized as a Tree City USA during the 2021 Arizona State Arbor Day Celebration held April 30, 2021 at the Capitol Museum, Historic Senate Chambers.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana proclaim and recognize

"April 30, 2021 as Arbor Day"

Dated this 30th day of April, 2021.

ATTEST:

Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk

Ed Honea, Mayor