

Arbor Day proclaimed in Atchison

(KAIR)--April 26 is proclaimed as Arbor Day in the City of Atchison, with Mayor La Rochelle Young reading aloud, then proclaiming that date, during the Atchison City Commission's meeting of April 15.

The proclamation, in full, recognizes the history of Arbor Day, which began in April, 1872, in Nebraska, and the benefits that trees bring not only to a local community, but to the world, on a whole, including cooler temperatures, cleaner air, higher property values, and healthier residents.

Atchison's history of commemorating the so-called "tree planter's holiday" runs deep, with the City maintaining its status as a Tree City USA for more than 4-decades.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, Atchison has retained the title for 41-years by continuing to follow the four requirements: maintaining a tree board or department;

having a community tree ordinance; spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry; and celebrating Arbor Day.

Along with Atchison, another Atchison County location, Effingham, has maintained the status for 28-years.

Other local area communities also retain the title, including Troy for 26-years; Valley Falls for 27-years; Hiawatha for 18-years; Leavenworth for 29-years; Sabetha for 10-years; and Marysville for 42-years as a Tree City USA.

National Arbor Day is always celebrated on the last Friday in April, but many states observe Arbor Day on different dates throughout the year based on best tree planting times in their area.

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