## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, 2018 marks Fargo's 41st year as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, The 2018 Arbor Day celebration in the City of Fargo will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 18th, at Orchard Glen (76th Avenue South, east of South University Drive) where 80 new trees will be planted; and

WHEREAS, Trees and shrubs are a valuable resource in Fargo, protecting our soil, helping conserve moisture and energy, beautifying our homes and making Fargo a more inviting place to live and visit; and

WHEREAS, Vigorously growing trees and shrubs produce life sustaining oxygen, slow down forceful winds, break the monotony of endless sidewalks and miles of highways, soften the outline of the masonry, metal and glass cityscape and increase the value of property; and

WHEREAS, Disease and insects have damaged and threatened our trees, creating the need for the continuation of tree planting programs throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, On Arbor Day the people of Fargo commit themselves to the continued health of our City's inventory of trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2018 as

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in the City of Fargo and urge all citizens to become more aware of the importance of our urban trees to the well-being of our City, and to demonstrate their concern for future generations by participating in tree planting programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2018.

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Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor City of Fargo