



## *ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION*

*WHEREAS*, natural areas, trees, and landscapes provide numerous benefits including air purification and production of oxygen; trees offer windbreaks and noise reduction, they cut heating and cooling costs and moderate the temperature through shade and energy savings.

*WHEREAS*, planting trees and maintaining older trees provides an opportunity for community interaction, volunteerism, economic development, and environmental conservation. Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business district, and beautify all of Three Forks.

*WHEREAS*, trees reduce erosion of precious topsoil and provide a habitat for wildlife.

*WHEREAS*, trees wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal. Our efforts to improve the environment here in Three Forks benefit present and future generations. Three Forks' largest tree population is the Green Ash, with over 450 inventoried, followed next by Eastern Cottonwood and Quaking Aspen. Three Forks encourages a variety of climate tolerant trees to be planted in parks and private properties, and further encourages non-fruit-bearing trees along boulevards.

*BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED*, I, Randy Johnston, Mayor of Three Forks, Montana, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in Montana, and encourage citizens to participate in City-hosted activities and cleanup days, and to take advantage of the benefits of the parks and other natural areas in and around Three Forks.

**Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.**

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Mayor Randy Johnston

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Attest: City Clerk Crystal Turner