

# ARBOR WEEK PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture in 1872 that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, strengthen stream bank integrity, provide flood mitigation, and provide a habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I Hank Williams Mayor of the city of Central Point, do hereby proclaim April 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as

## Arbor Week

in the City of Central Point, and I urge all citizen to celebrate Arbor Week and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland and

**Futher,** I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Date this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January in the Year 2020

Mayor Hank Williams