ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, Mr. J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special date be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, a holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2020 is the 148th Anniversary of the first Arbor Day, now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, the City of Banks is known for its numerous and beautiful trees, which truly enhance the desirability of Banks as a community in which to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the planting and nurturing of trees provides an urban forest in the City of Banks; and

WHEREAS, the Banks City Council continues to desire Banks to be an environmentally sensitive city.

NOW THEREFORE, I Peter C. Edison, Mayor, with the advice and support of the Banks City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24th, 2020 as Arbor Day in the City of Banks; and I urge all citizens to care for their trees recognizing the value that trees add to our City, our State, and our Country.

AND BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the City of Banks affirms its commitment to protect and enhance the Banks urban forest.

Given under my hand this 14th day of April 2020.

Mayor Peter C. Edison

CITY OF BANKS CORPORATE SEAL ARBOR