



## 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**, 2024 is the 152<sup>nd</sup> 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

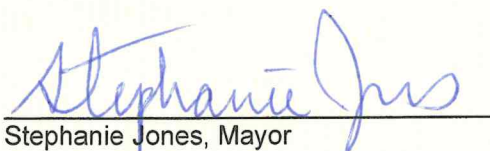
**WHEREAS**, the planting and nurturing of trees provides an urban forest in the City of Banks; and

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

**NOW THEREFORE**, I Stephanie Jones, Mayor, with the advice and support of the Banks City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
Stephanie Jones, Mayor

