

# Proclamation

## Village of Chenequa


- WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- WHEREAS, this holiday, called 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 our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and
- WHEREAS, trees in our village 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, and
- WHEREAS, Chenequa has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,
- NOW, THEREFORE, Chenequa, does hereby proclaim **Friday, April 24, 2026**

### ARBOR DAY

in the Village of Chenequa, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support our village's urban forestry program, and

- FURTHER, I urge all citizens to celebrate our commitment for a healthier planet by planting trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
Jo Ann F. Villavicencio  
Village President