



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Thomas M. Poynton

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY IN LAKE ZURICH ON  
APRIL 30, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture proposed 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 is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees 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**, global forests removed about one-third of fossil fuel emissions annually from 1990 to 2007, including more than 18,000 tons of air pollution each year from the Chicago metropolitan area; 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**, wherever they are planted, trees are a source of job and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Lake Zurich, Lake County, Illinois that Arbor Day be observed in the Village of Lake Zurich on April 30, 2021. I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our Village's urban forestry program.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Poynton".

Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich

