

# Proclamation


- WHEREAS,** for 41 consecutive years, the National Arbor Day Foundation has honored Olathe as a Tree City USA, in recognition of our commitment to forestry and appreciation of trees' great value to our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Olathe has also been awarded the Growth Award for 31 years, longer than any other city in Kansas; and
- WHEREAS,** Olathe is fortunate to have many beautiful trees, young and old, as well as a community that works to maintain their beauty and extend their benefits; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in Olathe enhance our City by increasing property values, boosting traffic to businesses, cutting heating and cooling costs, reducing stormwater runoff and soil erosion, and cleaning the air; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Olathe is honored to join communities across America in celebrating the importance of trees to our lives and our environment.

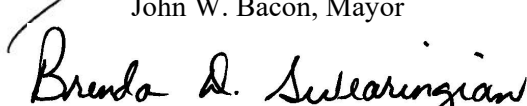
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim April 22nd through 26th, 2024, as

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in Olathe, urging all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees, plant trees, and support the City's forestry program on behalf of present and future generations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Olathe to be affixed this 16th day of April, 2024.

  
John W. Bacon, Mayor

  
Brenda D. Swearingian, City Clerk