

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** 2021 is the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arbor Day, a holiday observed around the world to acknowledge the importance of planting trees; and
- WHEREAS,** The National Arbor Day Foundation has honored our City as a TREE CITY USA for the 38<sup>th</sup> consecutive year as well as with a Growth Award for 28 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.

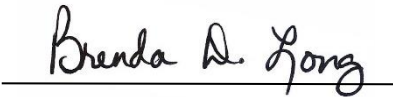
**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Bacon, Mayor of the City of Olathe, do hereby proclaim April 26th through 30th, 2021, as

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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 twentieth day of April, 2021.

  
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John W. Bacon, Mayor

  
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Brenda D. Long, City Clerk