

WHEREAS, the importance of trees to the quality of the environment is recognized by designation of **April 23 - 27, 2018, as National Arbor Week**; and

WHEREAS, *Arbor Week* celebrates a 146-year-long legacy that is now observed throughout the nation and around the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, 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 products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of businesses, and beautify our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Behnke, Mayor of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, do hereby proclaim **April 23-27, 2018,** as

“ARBOR WEEK”

in the Greater Battle Creek area and hereby encourage all residents to recognize, plant, and care for trees at their homes and places of work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Logo of the City of Battle Creek, Michigan, to be affixed this 17th day of April 2018.

Mark A. Behnke, Mayor