

Town of Exeter, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty

Arbor Day

May 21, 2020

- 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 life-giving 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 city 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.
- Now, therefore,* I, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair of the Town of Exeter, do hereby proclaim the 21st of May, 2020 as Arbor Day in the Town of Exeter, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and
- Further,* I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.
- Dated this* 21st day of May, 2020

Niko Papakonstantis,
Select Board Chair, Exeter, NH

