Arbor Day Proclamation
Office of the Mayor
City of Ste. Genevieve

Whereas, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day 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 community 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, Brian Keim, Mayor of the City of the City of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 24, 2026**, as **Arbor Day i**n the City of Ste. Genevieve, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support 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.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED TO BE AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF STE. GENEVIEVE, MISSOURI THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

Brian Keim, Mayor