

# A Proclamation

## Village of Millbrook Arbor Day 2024

WHEREAS: The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and

WHEREAS: Community partners, families and friends will be joined together at local Arbor Day ceremonies and at a statewide celebration to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests; and

WHEREAS: Trees will be planted across the state and showcased in the Village of Millbrook, [www.villageofmillbrookny.com](http://www.villageofmillbrookny.com), creating a lasting legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS: Trees improve water quality and quantity, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in business areas, provide shade, cleanse the air, create habitat for wildlife and add beauty to communities; and

WHEREAS: Trees Promote outdoor recreation which improves human health and well-being and reduces “Natural-Deficit Disorder” in children by encouraging more activity and connection to the natural world; and

WHEREAS: All of New York benefits from forestry, which contributes annually to our state’s economy and provides employment for more people; now

THEREFORE: I, TIM COLLOPY, Mayor of the Village of Millbrook, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as ARBOR DAY in the Village of Millbrook and encourage our citizens to plant trees thus leaving a legacy for present and future generations.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Village of Millbrook to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four.

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Mayor, Village of Millbrook

