

**City of Evansville
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION
Proclamation #2025-04**

ARBOR DAY 2025

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WHEREAS, Arbor Day was the first environmental awareness recognition in the United States and has been celebrated for 150 years; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource providing us with wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, paper, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees improve the visual aesthetics of our neighborhoods, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide bird and other wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Evansville has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, for twenty four consecutive years, from 2001 through 2025; and

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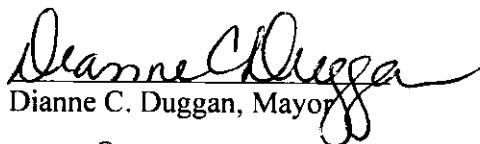
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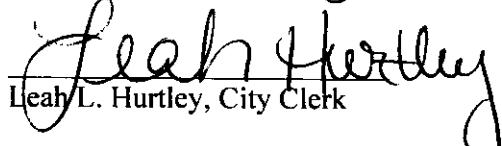
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Dianne C. Duggan, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Evansville. I encourage citizens to enthusiastically support stewardship of our natural resources now and in the future. Further, I urge Evansville residents to plant and nourish trees to enhance the quality of life in our community for generations at an appropriate time.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2025.


Dianne C. Duggan, Mayor

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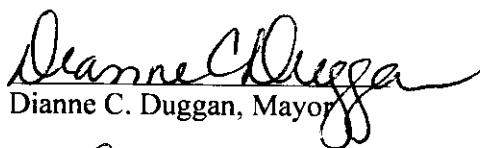
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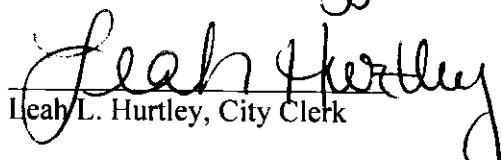
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