

# City of Sparks

## Proclamation

**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 Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees reduce 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, beautify our community and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

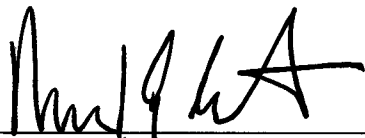
**WHEREAS**, Sparks is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD E. SMITH**, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 as:

### “ARBOR DAY”

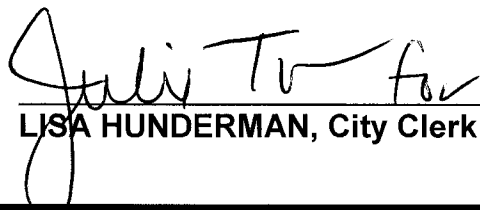
and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.



RONALD E. SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:



LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk

