ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, 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 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 are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Clair has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 23rd year and desires to continue its tree planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Cedar Jr, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of St. Clair, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as "Arbor Day" in the City of St. Clair, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our community forestry program, and,

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the City of St. Clair to be affixed hereto this 19th Day of April, 2021.

Bill Cedar In, Mayor