



## PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the nation and the world as a special event to promote the planting of trees; 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, watershed protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bonita Springs appreciates and values trees as they are a renewable resource, beautify neighborhoods, increase property value, attract businesses and customers, making our community more attractive, functional, and livable; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bonita Springs strongly encourages individuals and organizations to value trees and plant appropriate species in appropriate places, and keep them properly maintained so that we may have large, beautiful shade trees in all parts of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day 2026 is all about ensuring our earth and the trees upon it are all healthy and growing to be as strong as they possibly can be!

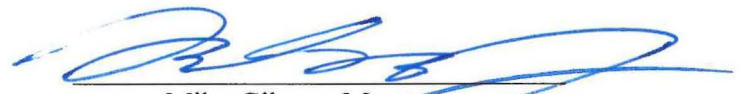
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE GIBSON, MAYOR** of the City of Bonita Springs, Florida do hereby proclaim April 24, 2026, as

### **Arbor Day in the City of Bonita Springs**

and encourage all residents of Bonita Springs to plant and care for trees to ensure this precious natural resource for all generations to enjoy.

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA



  
Mike Gibson, Mayor  
4/15/26  
Date