

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; 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 of paper, wood for our homes, fuel and countless other food products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW**, **THEREFORE**, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, as

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in the City of Margate and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our City's Urban Forestry Program, and further to participate in planting trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone