

# ITEM

# 24-012

To hear a Proclamation from the Lands & Conservation Commission for  
the Town of Cumberland to become a Tree City



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## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS	in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to be set aside for the planting of trees, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, <i><b>and</b></i>
WHEREAS	trees — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.
NOW, THEREFORE,	We, the Town Council of Cumberland, Maine, do hereby proclaim the last Friday of April as <b>ARBOR DAY</b> in the Town of Cumberland, Maine. We urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, <i><b>and</b></i>
FURTHER	We urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of future generations.
DATED THIS	<u><b>26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024</b></u> <u><b>Town Council of Cumberland, Maine</b></u>