

TOWN OF NEEDHAM

2025 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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

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

WHEREAS, 2025 commemorates the 153rd anniversary of Arbor Day, and

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, 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 — wherever they are planted — are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Select Board of the Town of Needham, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25th as Arbor Day in the Town of Needham, and

FURTHER, we ask all residents to celebrate 153 years of Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, we encourage all residents to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this twenty second day of April, 2025



[Handwritten signatures of the Select Board members]

SELECT BOARD