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PROCLAMATION ARBOR DAY IN GALENA, MARYLAND

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

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, 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 "Cities" increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our communities; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Galena has been recognized as a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John T. Carroll, Jr., Mayor of the Town of Galena, do hereby proclaim the **25th day of April 2025**, as Arbor Day in the Town of Galena, Maryland, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees & woodlands, to support our city's community forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts & promote wellbeing of the present & future generations.

John T. Carroll, Jr., Mayor

Date