



# TOWN OF ULYSSES

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## **Proclamation of Arbor Week and Recognition of Earth Day in the Town of Ulysses**

Whereas the Town of Ulysses Comprehensive Plan highlights in its Vision Statement pride in the natural environment, and, with several of its policy objectives, puts forth the intention to honor, preserve, and celebrate the Town's natural resources and beauty, as well as to promote efforts to support sustainability, and

Whereas the Arbor Day holiday, first proposed in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton as a special time set aside for the planting of trees, is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

Whereas trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling losses, moderate the temperature, produce essential oxygen, cleanse the air, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas trees are an important renewable resource that enhances property values and economic vitality for businesses and agriculture within the community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal wherever they are planted, now therefore be it

Resolved that Nancy Zahler, Supervisor of the Town of Ulysses, on behalf of the Ulysses Town Board does hereby proclaim April 19 – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as Arbor Week, an expansion of Arbor Day, and that

All citizens are encouraged to join the Town Board in celebrating our bountiful natural resources during this week, by planting trees to gladden the hearts of our citizenry, and to promote the well-being of this and future generations, and by supporting efforts to protect our woodlands and natural environments, and further,

Whereas, during Arbor Week, on April 22, the nation marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, an enormous civic event that launched a wave of action towards environmental protection, and

Whereas, in accordance with the Town of Ulysses vision, commitment, and continuing actions to promote environmental protection and sustainability, the Town recognizes the threats our community faces with climate change and associated challenges posed to public health, clean water, air, and energy; therefore be it further

Resolved that the Town of Ulysses officially recognizes Earth Day, April 22, 2020 and joins with governments and organizations all across the country in a united call to citizens for creativity, innovation, and ambition to meet these challenges and seize the enormous opportunities possible, and to support local actions to protect and restore the health of the planet.

*April 14, 2020*