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WHEREAS, in 1872 Julius Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor and politician, introduced a tree planting holiday which would later go on to be called **Arbor Day**; and,

WHEREAS, Morton's enthusiasm about planting trees and preserving nature contributed to the planting of more than 1 million trees in Nebraska that year and has now helped launch Arbor Day into a holiday that is celebrated throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's vast number of trees and vibrant parks helps to enrich our everyday lives and enhance the beauty in our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh's tree population plays a vital role in supporting a healthy environment by helping to alleviate the harmful effects that the steel mills have left behind; and,

WHEREAS, Pittsburgh is home to 50,000 street trees, parks and greenspaces; and,

WHEREAS, created in 1894 Riverview Park was formed largely from farmland, and today is known for its dense woodlands and steep topography; and,

WHEREAS, the community group Friends of Riverview Park has fearlessly advocated to maintain Riverview Park so that it remains a destination for all who visits; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of Riverview Park has partnered with Parks Conservatory and Tree Pittsburgh to designate Riverview Park as an official arboretum, a protected green space for the continued study, preservation, enjoyment and health of our environment; and,

WHEREAS, Riverview Park's designation as an arboretum is a monumental victory for the preservation of wildlife and plant life in our region; and,

WHEREAS, Riverview Park has received *Level 1* accreditation from Morton Arboretum; and,

WHEREAS, Riverview Park will be the third park designated as an arboretum in the city of Pittsburgh; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh does hereby recognize and officially celebrate **Arbor Day on April 27th** in the city, and does commend the park's designation as an arboretum that will protect and preserve the ecosystem at Riverview Park.