



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the first Arbor Day was celebrated on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska, advocated by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician; and*

WHEREAS, *as a member of Nebraska's State Board of Agriculture, Mr. Morton proposed that a special day be set aside dedicated to tree plantings and increasing awareness of the importance of trees; and*

WHEREAS, *Arbor Day is an excellent opportunity to stress the value of trees which provide windbreaks, shade, fuel, building materials, habitat for wildlife and adds beauty to the community; and*

WHEREAS, *as other holidays repose upon the past, Arbor Day proposes for the future reminding each of us the magnitude of protecting and maintaining our environment for upcoming generations; and*

WHEREAS, *it is important for government and citizens to celebrate the value of trees, which promote outdoor recreation, and improves human health and well-being.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Hall County Board of Commissioners and the Gainesville City Council do hereby proclaim Friday, February 17, 2023 to be*

"ARBOR DAY"

encouraging communities to value our trees in order to protect and maintain our environment for future generations.

Presented this 17th day of February, 2023

Hall County Board of Commissioners

Richard Higgins, Chairman

Gainesville City Council

W. Samuel Couvillon
W. Samuel Couvillon, Mayor

