



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. Norton 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 recreating, and improves human health and well-being.; and*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Friday, February 20, 2026 to be

Arbor Day

in Hall County, and calls upon our citizens to recognize the importance valuing our trees in order to protect and maintain our environment for future generations.

Adopted this 12th day of February 2026.

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