

# PROCLAMATION

*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 life-giving 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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.*

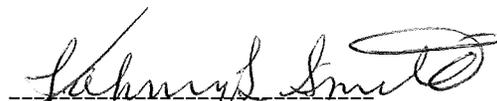
*NOW, THEREFORE, I Johnny L. Smith, Mayor of the City of Jacksonville, Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 15, 2018, as*

## *“ARBOR DAY”*

*At Jacksonville State University, and urge all students, faculty and citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and*

*FURTHER, I urge all students, faculty and citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of this and future generations.*

*SIGNED, this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018.*

  
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Mayor Johnny L. Smith

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### Arbor Day Ceremony THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018, 3:30 – 4:30PM

The JSU campus and surrounding community are invited to celebrate Arbor Day on February 15th, 3:30 p.m. at Bennett Field. There will be remarks by President Beehler and Mayor Smith. Dr. Jimmy Triplett, JSU Biology Dept, will be the keynote speaker for the event. Christian Dunn, JSU Graphic Design Dept, has conducted a Program of Events design contest with his students. The winner will be recognized at the event. The program will conclude with JSU and City representatives applying one last scoop of soil to complete the planting of a Overcup Oak tree.

**Campus Location** Bennett / Marching Southerners Field

**Event Type** Ceremony

**Audience** Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Public, Student



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## Arbor Day Foundation Honors Jacksonville State University

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Jacksonville State University has been recognized as a 2017 Tree Campus USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

“Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

“Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities, while helping to create a healthier planet for us all.”



JSU's distinction comes as the Arbor Day Foundation celebrates its 10th anniversary of the Tree Campus USA program, which recognizes colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. One of 344 campuses in the nation to hold this title to date, JSU received the honor by meeting Tree Campus USA's five standards: maintaining a tree advisory committee, maintaining a campus tree-care plan, dedicating annual expenditures for its campus tree program, and holding an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

The Arbor Day Foundation has helped campuses across the nation plant thousands of trees, with Tree Campus USA colleges and universities investing more than \$48 million in campus forest management in 2017.

Find out more at [arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA).