

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION BY THE CITY

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 21, 2019, 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 11th day of February 2019.


Mayor Johnny L. Smith

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Arbor Day will hold special meaning at JSU this year, as the university reflects on the 2018 tornado that destroyed hundreds of trees on campus and in the surrounding area. The annual Arbor Day Ceremony will take place at the International House on Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony will include remarks by President John Beehler, Mayor Johnny Smith and Dean Tim Lindblom. Dr. Jimmy Triplett, a biology professor, will play the fiddle and Christian Dunn, a graphic design professor, will display artwork. The program will conclude with JSU and city representatives applying one last scoop of soil to complete the planting of a magnolia tree.

On Feb. 22, the Jacksonville and JSU Tree Commission will host a free tree giveaway on the city square, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

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