



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF ALABASTER**

***PROCLAMATION***

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture 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. 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 beautify our community bringing a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, Alabaster, Alabama was named a 2023 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Scott Brakefield, Mayor of the City of Alabaster, Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 24, 2024 as



ARBOR DAY

In the City of Alabaster, and urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alabaster, Alabama to be affixed, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

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Mayor Scott Brakefield

ATTEST:

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J. Mark Frey, City Clerk

