

PROCLAMATION



ARBOR DAY JANUARY 16, 2026



WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be dedicated to the planting of trees, leading to the first observance of Arbor Day with more than one million trees planted across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day has since grown into a nationwide and global celebration focused on planting, nurturing, and appreciating trees; and

WHEREAS, trees play a vital role in protecting environmental health and supporting community well-being by reducing soil erosion, moderating temperatures, improving air quality, producing oxygen, conserving water, providing wildlife habitat, and serving as a renewable resource for numerous products including paper, lumber, and fuel; and

WHEREAS, the trees within our community enhance property values, strengthen the economic vitality of business districts, beautify neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces, provide shade, reduce energy costs, and enrich the overall quality of life for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green Cove Springs has been honored as a Tree City U.S.A. by the National Arbor Day Foundation and continues to demonstrate its commitment to protecting and expanding its urban forest through ongoing tree-planting efforts and responsible stewardship; and

WHEREAS, continued investment in the planting and proper care of trees builds community resilience, supports sustainable growth, and ensures that future generations will enjoy a healthier, greener, and more vibrant environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor of the City of Green Cove Springs, do hereby proclaim **Friday, January 16, 2026, as ARBOR DAY** in the City of Green Cove Springs, and encourage all citizens to support our community forestry efforts by planting, caring for, and preserving trees for the benefit of present and future generations.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2026.



CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk