

PROCLAMATION



ARBOR DAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

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 top soil by wind and water, cut heating costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce 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 are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Green Cove Springs has been recognized as a Tree City U.S.A. by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven R. Kelley, Mayor of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 17, 2025, as "ARBOR DAY" in Green Cove Springs, and I urge all citizens to support our City's community forestry program; and

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

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 7TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2025.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA



Steven R. Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk