## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF HILSHIRE VILLAGE, TEXAS IN RECOGNITION OF ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, trees are a vital part of our natural environment, providing beauty, shade, and protection to our communities, while improving the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink; and

WHEREAS, trees significantly reduce energy costs by providing cooling shade, increase property values, and offer essential habitat for wildlife, contributing to the biodiversity of our state; and

WHEREAS, Texas Arbor Day is a time-honored tradition, observed on the first Friday in November, encouraging citizens throughout the Lone Star State to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees for their contribution to our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, tree planting and proper tree care are investments in the future, fostering healthier communities, reducing urban heat islands, and combating the adverse effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, community efforts to preserve and expand urban tree canopies promote civic pride, enhance the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhoods, and provide a legacy of natural beauty for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hilshire Village is committed to enhancing and protecting its urban forest, and encourages citizens to participate in Texas Arbor Day by planting trees, engaging in conservation efforts, and learning more about the value of trees in their daily lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of Hilshire Village, along with the City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 1, 2024, as TEXAS ARBOR DAY in Hilshire Village, and urge all citizens to join us in celebrating this day by participating in local tree-planting events and other Arbor Day activities that benefit our community and our environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Hilshire Village to be affixed this 15th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:	Robert F. Buesinger, Mayor
Cassie Stephens, City Secretary	

