

Proclamation

Recognizing Arbor Day 2025 and Milton as a Tree City USA

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 in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milton has been recognized as a Tree City USA Community each year since 2009; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milton and our citizens are committed to the stewardship of our natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton hereby recognize and proclaim for the year 2025, February 22nd as Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands to make Milton an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family, and

FURTHER, we urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of future generations.

Given under my hand and Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 19th day of February 2025.

Jan C. Jacobus, Mayor Pro Tem