

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, Oklahoma has recognized Arbor Day through observance and ceremonies for more than 100 years; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of planting trees to beautify our parks and public places and around our homes and businesses; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, we recognize the environmental, social and economic benefits of trees such as providing shade; creating a sense of community and visually pleasing neighborhoods; reducing home heating and cooling costs, reducing air pollution, noise pollution and soil erosion; and enhancing property value and economic vitality of business areas; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, it is the purpose of Arbor Day to encourage the planting of trees in urban and rural areas, promote proper management of trees; and to remember the many benefits we receive from trees; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, Norman has been awarded for the twenty-second consecutive year, **Tree City USA** status by the Arbor Day Foundation; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City Utilities Department – Division of Environmental Resilience and Sustainability (DoERS), City of Norman Parks and Recreation and Norman Board of Park Commissioners have scheduled an Arbor Day observance Sunday, April 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at the Earth Day Festival in Reaves Park with a tree planting and presentation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Norman and encourage all citizens to observe Arbor Day by planting an Oklahoma proven tree for the benefit of all citizens and that of future generations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of March, 2026.

Mayor, Stephen T. Holman

ATTEST:

City Clerk

