



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

- 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 one million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Jacksonville will celebrate Jacksonville's Arbor Day with the commencement of Greenscape of Jacksonville's Annual Arbor Day Festival and Great Tree Giveaway on March 28, 2020 at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds; and
- WHEREAS:** Founded in 1975, Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a mission to enrich the community through the planting, protection and promotion of trees; and
- WHEREAS:** Greenscape is celebrating 45 years of greening Jacksonville and is credited with adding over 350,000 trees to our local tree canopy; and
- WHEREAS:** It is the desire of the Greenscape Board of Directors, Members and Community Supporters to raise awareness of the importance of trees to a city's beauty, livability and economic health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2020 as

JACKSONVILLE'S ARBOR DAY

and encourage all citizens to join in the observance of this day to beautify our communities and to support the efforts by Greenscape that protects and nurtures our trees for the many benefits they provide.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 12th day of February
in the year Two Thousand Twenty

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA