

# PROCLAMATION

**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. From this idea sprouted Arbor Day, a holiday first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska and now observed throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS:** Jacksonville citizens can again celebrate the holiday at Greenscape of Jacksonville's 3rd Annual Arbor Day Festival and Great Tree Giveaway on April 6 at Jessie Ball DuPont Park, site of Jacksonville's most famous tree, the Treaty Oak. This free event will educate attendees on the many benefits of our urban forest and will provide citizens with trees to be planted throughout our city; and

**WHEREAS:** As a Tree City USA community for more than two decades, Jacksonville meets the four core standards of sound urban forestry management: the City maintains a tree board or department, has a community tree ordinance, spends at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrates Arbor Day. Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc., a non-profit organization, is an important partner to the City of Jacksonville in its efforts to fulfill these requirements; and

**WHEREAS:** Founded in 1975, Greenscape's mission is to enrich the community through the planting, protection and promotion of trees. The organization is credited with adding more than 350,000 trees to our local tree canopy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Greenscape board of directors, members and community supporters work year-round to raise awareness of the importance of trees to a city's beauty, livability and economic health. Jacksonville flourishes with the support of local organizations, like Greenscape, that are committed to serving and improving communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2019 as

## **JACKSONVILLE'S ARBOR DAY**

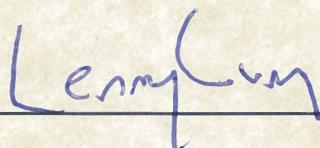
and promote the April 26, 2019 observation of

## **NATIONAL ARBOR DAY**

and encourage all citizens to participate in the beautification of our communities and to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees for the many benefits they provide.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February  
in the year Two Thousand 19

  
MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA