

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, 2017, 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 fifteenth consecutive year, **Tree City USA** status by the Arbor Day Foundation; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman Parks and Recreation and City Tree Board have scheduled an Arbor Day observance Sunday, April 23rd, 2017, from noon to 5:00 p.m. in Reaves Park as part of the 16th Annual Earth Day Festival.

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

- § 7. Do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 23rd, 2017, 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 11th day of April, 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

