

# **A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, 2024 AS ARBOR WEEK IN THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW**

§ 1. **WHEREAS**, Oklahoma has recognized Arbor Week through observance and ceremonies since 1982; 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 Week 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**, Broken Arrow has been awarded for twenty-four consecutive years, **Tree City USA** status by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA:**

§ 6. Do hereby proclaim the week of March 25, 2024 as Arbor Week in the City of Broken Arrow and encourage all citizens to observe Arbor Week by planting an Oklahoma proven tree for the benefit of all citizens and that of future generations.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

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Debra Wimpee, Mayor