

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in 1872 the Nebraska Board of Agriculture designated that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed in Nebraska with the planting of more than a million trees there, and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

Now, therefore, I, Craig Thurmond, Mayor of the City of Broken Arrow, do hereby proclaim the week of March 27, 2017 as

“ARBOR WEEK”

in the City of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and encourage all residents of the city to celebrate Arbor Week and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Broken Arrow to be affixed this 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk