



**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 a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2001, the City of McKinney took a proactive approach in protecting our Urban Forest by creating and implementing a Tree Preservation Ordinance; 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 life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business and residential areas; and

**WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and community beautification; and

**WHEREAS,** trees are very important to the City of McKinney, as attested by the fact that we are celebrating our 19th annual year of earning a Tree City USA designation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022 AS**

## **ARBOR DAY**

**IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY, TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR TREES AND WOODLANDS, AND TO PLANT TREES TO GLADDEN THE HEART AND PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER, 2022.**

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GEORGE C. FULLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary