



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 Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, the City of McKinney, Texas 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 habitats for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business and residential areas. 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 21st annual year of earning a Tree City USA designation; and

WHEREAS, the City of McKinney will celebrate Arbor Day by giving away free trees to our citizens at the annual Share the Shade event on November 8, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025, 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 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.

BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary