



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

GEORGIA ARBOR DAY

Whereas:

The first *Arbor Day* was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and

Whereas: Community partners, families, and friends will be joined together at local *Arbor Day* ceremonies to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests; and

Whereas: Trees reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce life-giving 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 area, and beautify our community; and

Whereas: All of Georgia benefits from forestry, which contributes billions of dollars annually to our state's economy and provides employment for more than 100,000 people; now

Therefore: I, A. Max Bacon, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, Georgia do hereby proclaim February 19, 2016, as **ARBOR DAY** in Georgia and encourage our citizens to plant trees thus leaving a legacy for present and future generations.

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and
cause the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon
this 15th day of February in the
year of Our Lord 2016.*



Mayor

A. Max Bacon