

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

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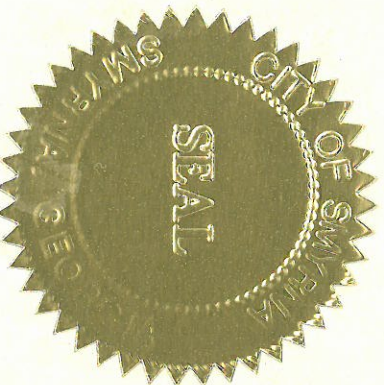
Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business area, and beautify our community; and

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