

# PROCLAMATION

**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. This holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource used for paper, wood for homes, fuel for fires, and countless other products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in the city increases property values, enhances the economic vitality of businesses, and beautifies the community. Ormond Beach is committed to the environment and places high value on trees; and

**WHEREAS**, Ormond Beach has been named a "Tree City" for the past 32 years and awarded the "Tree City Growth Award" for five years in a row; and

**WHEREAS**, today we celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree at the Environmental Discovery Center located at 601 Division Avenue.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2023, as

## ARBOR DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect the trees and woodlands, support the city's urban forestry program, and encourage all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



*Bill Partington*  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor