

# 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; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; 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 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 areas, and beautify our community. Ormond Beach is committed to the environment and places high value on the trees in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Ormond Beach has been named a Tree City for 30 years in a row and awarded the Tree City Growth Award for three years in a row; and

**WHEREAS**, today we celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree at Ormond Beach Elementary School.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 15, 2021, as

## ARBOR DAY

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to support the city's urban forestry program, and further urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**  
Mayor