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Arbor Day 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 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 areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

NOW, **THEREFORE**, I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Harrisonburg, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further encourage all citizens to participate in Blacks Run Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

SIGNED this ____ day of April, 2025

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Deanna Reed, Mayor

ATTEST:_____

Pamela Ulmer, City Clerk