

PROCLAMATION
Arbor Day in Elizabeth City
November 18th, 2022

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

WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate 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 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, E. Kirk Rivers, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth City do hereby proclaim November 18th, 2022 as **ARBOR DAY** in Elizabeth City and urge all citizens to celebrate our urban canopy by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of November 2022.

E. Kirk Rivers
Mayor

Attest:

April D. Onley, NCCMC
City Clerk