



City of Gainesville, Florida
Office of Mayor Harvey L. Ward, Jr.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, 152 years after J. Sterling Morton first proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day should be set aside for the planting of trees, we continue his vision with our own tree giveaway; and

WHEREAS, The National Arbor Day Foundation certified that in 2025, Gainesville met the requirements of the "Tree City USA" program for the 43rd consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, 86 shade trees have been planted in city parks and open spaces in honor of this occasion: two trees for every year Gainesville has been a tree city; and

WHEREAS, this is the 43rd year celebration as a "Tree City" and the City of Gainesville has planted in total 86 trees due to our passion for this activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 16, 2025 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in celebrating Gainesville's beautiful tree canopy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 10th day of January 2025.



Harvey L. Ward, Jr.
Mayor