

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

WHEREAS, in 1877, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, a vision the City of Gainesville honored with its own tree giveaway; and

WHEREAS, The National Arbor Day Foundation has certified that in 2020 Gainesville met the requirements of the "Tree City USA" program for the 39th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this 39th "Tree City USA" anniversary, 78 shade trees have been planted throughout parks and open spaces in the City of Gainesville.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Ward, Jr., by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2023 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our neighbors to join me in celebrating Gainesville's beautiful arboreal 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 23rd day of March, A.D., 2023.




Harvey L. Ward, Jr.
Mayor