

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Edward B. Braddy
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 142 years after J. Sterling Morton first proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, we continue his vision with our own tree planting ceremony; and

WHEREAS, the National Arbor Day Foundation has certified that in 2016, Gainesville met the requirements of the "Tree City USA" program for the 32nd consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, the City Beautification Board, the Four Seasons Garden Club, the Planning and Development Services Department, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department and the Matheson History Museum have invited the community to join in a celebration of Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, 64 shade trees have been planted along the banks of the Sweet Water Branch Creek at the Matheson Museum and SE 2nd Avenue medians in honor of this occasion; two trees for every year Gainesville has been a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, this is the 32nd celebration as a "Tree City USA" so the City of Gainesville has planted in total 64 trees due to our passion with this honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward B. Braddy, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim January 21, 2016 as

Arbor Day

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in celebrating Gainesville's wonderful 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 22nd day of December, A.D., 2015.



Edward B. Braddy
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Mayor