

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, J Sterling Norton, in 1874, saw the need to control windswept, barren areas by planting trees which were useful for windbreaks, fuel, lumber, shade and could supply food for man and beast, a special event, ARBOR DAY, was established to fill this need and has been expanded, 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 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, the City of Fayette is fulfilling the requirements to be recognized as a Tree city USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

NOW, THEREFORE, I GREG STIDHAM, MAYOR of the City of Fayette, do hereby proclaim Friday, **April 3rd, 2026** as

ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE

And urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our City's urban forestry program.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that all citizens be urged to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Adopted this March 10th, 2026



Greg Stidham, Mayor

Attest: _____
Mati Rogers, City Clerk