

PROCLAMATION

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, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

Whereas, in 1994, National Public Lands Day was first observed throughout the nation, in 2008 1.6 million trees were planted. Public lands reflect our shared history, and enable us to connect to each other and strengthen our economy through tourism and provide endless recreational and educational opportunities to biodiversity and ecosystems, 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 life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

Whereas, being good stewards of our environment and caretakers of these public lands, we must build on our legacy of conversation, and

Whereas, Arbor Day Festival will help to combine two special days in our nation to help reconnect citizens with nature and the outdoor spaces, and promote education, fun and give back by way of tree planting during the festival.

Now, Therefore, We, Carter M. Hendricks, Mayor of the City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and Steve Tribble, Christian County Judge-Executive, do hereby proclaim September 8, 2018 as

ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL



in Hopkinsville and Christian County and encourage all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day Festival and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further, we urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

Carter Hendricks, Mayor
City of Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Steve Tribble, Judge-Executive
Christian County, Kentucky

