



# City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Deanna R. Reed  
Mayor

### Arbor Day 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**, 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 life-giving 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**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Deanna R. Reed, Mayor of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in the City of Harrisonburg, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and further encourage all citizens to participate in Blacks Run and Downtown Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

GIVEN under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pamela Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk