



# 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 beautify our community; 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, Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim December 10, 2021 as

## “ARBOR DAY”

in Hartsville and urge all to join in celebrating Arbor Day and support efforts to plant and protect trees and to promote their well-being for this and future generations.



**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the seal of the City of Hartsville.

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Carl M. (Mel) Pennington IV, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sherron L. Skipper, City Clerk