



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, South Carolina observes Arbor Day on the first Friday in December; 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, Casey Hancock, Mayor of the City of Hartsville in the State of South Carolina do hereby proclaim December 1, 2023, 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.

Casey Hancock, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Andrea D. Crenshaw, CMC, City Clerk