



## ***Proclamation***

*Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida*

**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 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, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 27, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### ***NATIONAL ARBOR DAY***

in Manatee County, Florida, and all citizens are urged to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our city's urban forestry program, and to plant trees to promote the wellbeing of present and future generations and to enhance our community.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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*Priscilla Trace, Chairman*

**ATTEST:** *Angelina Coloneso  
Clerk of the Circuit Court*

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