



"ARBOR DAY"

January 20, 2017

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the City Commission of the City of North Port, Florida, do hereby proclaim January 20th, 2017 as

"ARBOR DAY"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and Seal of the City of North Port, Florida, to be affixed this 5th, day of January, 2017.

CITY OF NORTH PORT FLORIDA

| ATTEST: | |
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| | Mayor Linda M. Yates |
| Patsy C. Adkins, MMC City Clerk | Vice-Mayor Vanessa Carusone |
| | Christopher B. Hanks, Commissioner |
| | Debbie McDowell, Commissioner |