



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, which is now called **Arbor Day** and was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** 2018 is the **146th anniversary** of **Arbor Day** which is now observed throughout the nation and world; and
- WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of our topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** not only are trees a renewable resource, they also increases property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** because of Keep Gastonia Beautiful's observance of **Arbor Day** each year, Gastonia has been named Tree City USA for our 17th year.
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Walker E. Reid III, Mayor, and the City Council of the City of Gastonia do hereby proclaim **March 16, 2018** as

Arbor Day

and support **Keep Gastonia Beautiful Arbor Day Celebration** and urge all citizens to celebrate **Arbor Day** by supporting the efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

- FURTHER,** encourage all citizens to plant trees in Gastonia for our future generations.
- IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Gastonia to be affixed this the 6th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

Walker E. Reid III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherry H. Dunaway, City Clerk