

# Proclamation

## ARBOR DAY 2018

**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 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 in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Milton has been recognized as a Tree City USA Community each year since 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Milton and our citizens are committed to the stewardship of our natural resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Milton hereby recognize and proclaim for the year 2018, February 16<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and our environment and make Milton an even greater place to live, work, and raise a family.

**Given under my hand and Seal of the City of Milton, Georgia on this 5th day of February, 2018.**



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Joe Lockwood, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Lockwood", is written over a horizontal line.