

A PROCLAMATION

ARBOR DAY

- 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:** City trees add the soft touch of nature to our busy lives. They cool our cities, fight pollution, conserve energy, give wildlife a home, and make our neighborhoods more livable; and
- WHEREAS:** The trees on city property, along streets and in parks, are an essential part of the urban forest. To keep these trees healthy and abundant, our city organized a program for their care. We have an annual action plan to plant and prune the city's trees, and to maintain their health; and
- WHEREAS:** Trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS:** The City of Canton has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; now
- THEREFORE:** Be it resolved, that I, Gene Hobgood, Mayor of Canton, do hereby proclaim Friday, February 19, 2016, as "ARBOR DAY" in the City of Canton, and I urge all citizens to make a difference – by planting and caring for trees in your yard and in your neighborhood, and by supporting your city government's community forestry program.

Gene Hobgood, Mayor

Duly entered in the Minutes of Canton, this ____ day of _____ 2016.

Susan Stanton, Clerk