



A PROCLAMATION
The Town of Davidson Arbor Day
March 22, 2019

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson recognizes the value of trees as a precious natural resource that improves the appearance of our community, increases the value of commercial and residential property, reduces energy costs, moderates air temperature, decreases soil erosion and storm water run-off, provides habitat for wildlife, absorbs air pollutants and produces oxygen; and

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 day, known as Arbor Day, is now celebrated throughout the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has determined that Arbor Day shall be celebrated annually on the first Friday following the fifteenth of March; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Davidson has been a "Tree City" for the past 9 years and earned a Growth Award for 2015 efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson has adopted a tree ordinance and appointed a Livability Board to protect, conserve, maintain, and enhance trees in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rusty Knox, Mayor of the Town of Davidson, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **March 22, 2019** as: *The Town of Davidson Arbor Day 2019* and call upon all citizens of our town to participate in the celebration, ceremonies, and activities on this day we urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and we urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of our present and future.

Proclaimed this 12th day of March, 2019.

Rusty Knox
Mayor