

Proclamation
Recognizing a Town of James Island
Community Arbor Day
Observance and Celebration

WHEREAS, in 1871 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, the planting of trees is a vital step in developing civic pride and a sense of community; and trees provide an abundance of environmental and aesthetic advantages to citizens and wildlife, wherever they are found, and

WHEREAS, James Island residents have shown an interest in the preservation and protection of trees as part of environmental and beautification efforts on James Island, and

WHEREAS, an important part of James Island's culture, history and identity is directly related to trees, and


WHEREAS, the Town of James Island has the goal of collaborating with the City of Charleston, Charleston County, the James Island Public Service District and other community groups and schools in the educating of the public relating to trees, the planting of trees and the care of trees on James Island, and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has designated the first Friday in December as the State Arbor Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of James Island will recognize December 6, 2019 as a Community Celebration and Observance of SC Arbor Day.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that on the first Friday of December 2019, the Town of James Island will plant trees and engage with the community and our youth to promote the planting of trees, and that the Town of James Island hereby designates Friday December 6, 2019 as Arbor Day, and urges all citizens to plant trees and to support our Town's efforts for tree preservation.

Signed and sealed this the 21th day of November, 2019



Bill Woolsey
Mayor

ATTEST



Frances Simmons
Town Clerk