

**TOWN OF CLAYTON
PROCLAMATION**

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees; and

WHEREAS, the holiday – Arbor Day – was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees; and

WHEREAS, 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 oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, when properly selected and tended appropriately, trees increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business districts, provide buffers from traffic and provide a natural playground for people of all ages; and

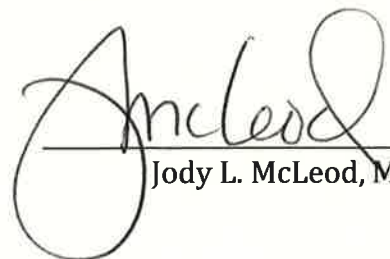
WHEREAS, the Town of Clayton has been named Tree City, USA for the 10th year in a row and continues to maintain and improve our urban forest by the planting of additional trees to enhance our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the Honorable Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Clayton, North Carolina, that Friday, March 17, 2017, be recognized as “**Arbor Day**” and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. We encourage all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Duly proclaimed by the Clayton Town Council this 6th day of March 2017, while in regular session.





Jody L. McLeod, Mayor