

# proclamation

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## Arbor Day | January 19, 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 1 million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation as well as the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion by wind and water of our precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Winter Park has been recognized as a Tree City USA® by the National Arbor Day Foundation® for 38 straight years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day in Winter Park, in celebration of Florida Arbor Day, the city will plant a new 20-foot-tall southern red cedar in Central Park, just south of Morse Boulevard, to serve as the city's official holiday tree for years to come.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Steve Leary, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Friday, January 19, 2018**, to be **Arbor Day** in the City of Winter Park, Florida, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, as well as our city's urban forestry program. **FURTHERMORE I** urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I** have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Leary", is written over a faint circular outline.

**Steve Leary**  
Mayor