

PROCLAMATION

Arbor Day – February 21, 2014

- 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:** 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 life provide 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; and
- WHEREAS:** 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 source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE I, James Thomas, Jr., Mayor of the City of Hinesville do hereby declare and proclaim February 21, 2014 as:



Arbor Day

in the City of Hinesville and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great Seal of the City of Hinesville to be affixed this the 20th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen and in the year of our City One Hundred Seventy Seven.

Attest:

Billy Edwards, City Manager

James Thomas, Jr., Mayor
City of Hinesville

(SEAL)