

Proclamation

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida

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 each state has adopted a state Arbor Day and the state of Florida has designated the third Friday of January to be observed as Arbor Day, 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, product life-giving 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 and beautify our community.

Now Therefore, I, Chris Alahouzos, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tarpon Springs do hereby proclaim Friday, January 18, 2019 as

STATE OF FLORIDA ARBOR DAY

in the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tarpon Springs, Florida to be affixed this 8th day of January, 2019.

City Clerk & Collector

Mayor