



City of Killeen


- 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 this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS** in 1889, the citizens of Temple, Texas authored an Arbor Day Resolution, which the Texas Legislature passed into law to encourage the planting of trees in the state; and
- WHEREAS** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the world and locally in Killeen; and
- WHEREAS** trees can reduce the erosion of valuable topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce 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 products; and
- WHEREAS** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS** the City of Killeen has been designated an official Tree City USA since 2008 showing our commitment to preserving and propagating trees in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jose L. Segarra, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Killeen do hereby proclaim Friday, November 3, 2017 as:

Texas Arbor Day

and urge all residents of Killeen to become active in planting and protecting trees for the benefit of this and future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Killeen to be affixed this 31st day of October, 2017.



Jose L. Segarra, MAYOR