



PROCLAMATION

of the **TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE**

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION **March 23, 2023**

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, founded in Nebraska in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, is a special day set aside to plant and celebrate trees; and

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day was observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of topsoil, lower 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 countless important paper and wood products for our homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, trees beautify our community, increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Knightdale has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices; and

WHEREAS, Knightdale's Arbor Day coincides with CWEP Regional Creek Week, which will be celebrated by holding a tree planting ceremony, tree giveaway and community litter sweep;

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Jessica Day, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Knightdale, do hereby proclaim Thursday, March 23, 2023 as

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in the Town of Knightdale, North Carolina and encourage all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees, woodlands, and urban forests; further, I encourage all citizens to plant trees to promote the wellbeing of this and all future generations.

Jessica Day, Mayor

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk