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ARBOR DAY 2019

WHEREAS, human communities have honored and celebrated nature and the environment since civilization first arose; and

WHEREAS, a formal recognition of nature and its importance began in the United States in 1872, when 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 United States and by nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; 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 town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation states, "Trees provide the very necessities of life itself – they clean our air, protect our drinking water, create healthy communities, and feed the human soul;" and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and seeks to encourage open, honest discussion of ecological issues and find solutions to the environmental challenges we face.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **March 22, 2019** as "**ARBOR DAY**" in the Town of Carrboro, and urge all residents to help protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program. Further, I encourage all residents to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

This, the 22nd day of March 2019.

Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor