

**MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION
DECLARING NOVEMBER 3, 2017
AS ARBOR DAY
IN THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE**

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 is observed on the first Friday in November in Texas; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperatures, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper and wood products for our homes, schools and offices; 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, Victor Gonzales, Mayor of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2017, as Arbor Day in the City of Pflugerville, Texas, 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 cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 24th day of October 2017.

Victor Gonzales, Mayor

Attest:

Karen Thompson, City Secretary