MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 4, 2016 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 which is observed throughout the nation and the world 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, Omar Peña, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Pflugerville, Texas, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2016, 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 Thereof, I cause the Official Seal of the City of Pflugerville to be affixed this 25th day of October 2016.

Omar Peña

Mayor Pro Tem