

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for 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

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut 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 paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

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

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, Warson Woods has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways,

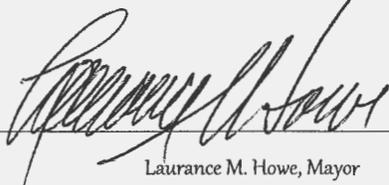
NOW, THEREFORE, I

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor of the City of Warson Woods, do hereby Proclaim April 8, 2016

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Warson Woods, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.
DATED this 15th day of March 2016.


Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

Graham County North Carolina

TREES by **Joyce Kilmer**

TREES

I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE
A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE:
A TREE WHOSE HUNGRY MOUTH IS PREST
AGAINST THE EARTH'S SWEET FLOWING
BREAST,

A TREE THAT LOOKS AT GOD ALL DAY
AND LIFTS HER LEAFY ARMS TO PRAY
A TREE THAT MAY IN SUMMER WEAR
A NEST OF ROBINS IN HER HAIR.

UPON WHOSE BOSOM SNOW HAS LAIN:
WHO INTIMATELY LIVES WITH RAIN.
POEMS ARE MADE BY FOOLS LIKE ME,
BUT ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE.

JOYCE KILMER

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The most significant event occurring during the past month was the official recognition of Warson Woods by the Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City U.S.A for the 27th consecutive year.

The City of Warson Woods has the 8th longest record of this qualification in the greater St. Louis area. We are graded on the accomplishments in tree planting and care over the previous year and includes all the activities that are embraced in building a healthy urban tree population and forest.

A significant part of this effort involves our work with the schools in promoting interest and educating students of the many beneficial assets of trees in our community. This year the 5th grade students of Rohan Woods and Ste. Genevieve du Bois wrote essays extolling the benefits of trees in our community. The outstanding essays were composed by Ryan Deemer of Rohan Woods School and Regan Jones of Ste. Genevieve du Bois School. The Proclamation of Arbor Day on April 8, 2016 by our mayor was read and in addition to certificates of awards to the writers of the two outstanding essays, they were each presented with the award of a Sugarberry Tree to be planted on the school grounds as a tribute and memorial of the event. Both celebrations were attended by student body, staff and parents.

We are already engaged in compiling our tree care activities in the interest of qualifying for the honor of Tree City USA for next year.

Gordon Gosh,
Park Commissioner and City Arborist