

~ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION ~

(Note: Formatting to be completed by City Clerk's Office upon approval)

***WHEREAS**, in 1872, 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*

***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 life-giving 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, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.*

***NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Joe Gunter, on behalf of the Salinas City Council, hereby proclaim December 21, 2017 as **ARBOR DAY** and urge all residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.*

Dated this 19th day of December, 2017

Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter