

# PROCLAMATION

*PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 19, 2020 AS ARBOR DAY*

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska in 1972, and is now observed annually throughout our nation and world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of 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**, Joplin is a Tree City and recognizes that trees, wherever they are planted, can be a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2020, as

## ARBOR DAY

in the city of Joplin and urge our citizens to support the efforts to care for and restore our trees and woodlands.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Joplin to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

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**Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor**