

# PROCLAMATION

Proclaiming October 2, 2021 as Arbor Day

**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**, Joplin is a Tree City and recognizes that trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal and create a lasting legacy for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, trees improve water quality and quantity, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in Joplin, provide shade, cleanse the air, create habitat for wildlife, and add beauty to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees promote outdoor recreation which improves human health and well-being to everyone by encouraging more activity and connection to the natural world; and

**WHEREAS**, community partners, families and friends will join together at Joplin's Arbor Day celebration to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ryan Stanly, Mayor of the City of Joplin, Missouri, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2021, as

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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 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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**Ryan D. Stanley, Mayor**