

**PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY**

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is blessed with diverse forests that extend from the hardwood forests of the east to the cypress sloughs of the west; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a sustainable resource providing significant environmental and economic benefits to Kentuckians; and

WHEREAS, One third of Kentuckians live in a community actively managing their urban forests, spending a total of \$6.8 million dollars on this asset; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's forest products are a \$14.5 billion dollar green industry employing over 58,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Trees enhance our air quality, purify our water resources, protect our soil, supply a source of renewable energy, and provide valuable wildlife habitat; and

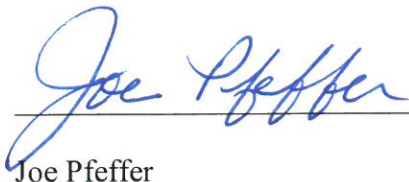
WHEREAS, Forests improve our health by offering a place of recreation and solace; and

WHEREAS, Trees and healthy forests enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Pfeffer, Mason County Judge Executive, hereby proclaim April 22, 2018 as

ARBOR DAY

in the state of Kentucky. I urge all citizens across this great Commonwealth to participate in the observance of this day by planting at least one tree. Our reward and that of future generations will be a more beautiful Kentucky, whose health and well being are sustained by this great natural resource – our forests.



Joe Pfeffer

Mason County Judge Executive