## Proclamation







WHEREAS, Trees in the cities of Urbana and Champaign are one of the

most important landscape elements of our communities

and our campus; and

WHEREAS, Tree planting and maintenance programs are essential to

improving the quality of life in each community; and

WHEREAS, Trees in our communities increase property values,

enhance economic vitality of business areas, support the academic and research mission of the campus, and create

favorable first impressions to visitors; and

WHEREAS, The environment improves where trees are planted and

nurtures through cleansed air, moderated temperatures, oxygen production, and creation of wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Trees, wherever they are planted and cared for, are a source

of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor of the City of Urbana, Deborah

Frank Feinen, Mayor of the City of Champaign, and Robert J. Jones, Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, do hereby proclaim

April 28, 2017 as

## ARBOR DAY

in the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, Illinois and on the Tree Campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and urge all citizens to observe this day by planting trees and by participating in the programs for Arbor Day.

In Witness Thereof, We have hereunto set our hands to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Pear of our Lord, two thousand and Seventeen.

Mayor of Urbana

Mayor of Champaign

Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign