

# 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**

Diane Wolfe Marlin, 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 27, 2018 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 Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the Year of our Lord, two thousand and Eighteen.*

Diane Wolfe Marlin  
Mayor of Urbana

Deborah Frank Feinen  
Mayor of Champaign

Robert J. Jones  
Chancellor of the University of Illinois  
at Urbana-Champaign