



PROCLAMATION

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS,
DESIGNATING ARBOR DAY AT
BROWNSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT*

WHEREAS, the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for the planting of trees, and has now grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nations each year; and

WHEREAS, One Tree Planted and Origins donated \$40,000 towards the planting of 210 trees at Aiken Elementary School, Brite Elementary School, Egly Elementary School, Gonzalez Elementary School, Hudson Elementary School, Keller Elementary School, Paredes Elementary School, Putegnat Elementary School, Besteiro Middle School, and Manzano Middle School; and

WHEREAS, each of these schools would not only be planting up to 30 trees on each campus, but they would also be hosting individual Arbor Day Events starting October 6, 2023, through December 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, trees promote human health and well-being, add beauty to communities, improve water quality and quantity, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, and provide shade, clean air, and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville continues to demonstrate its commitment to trees by conducting ongoing tree planting projects in city-owned parks, rights-of-way, medians, and other city properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville is maintaining a healthy urban forest by promoting tree planting to increase shading, absorb CO₂, decrease the associate costs of unabated stormwater, lower heating costs, and provide habitat for urban wildlife; and


WHEREAS, the City of Brownsville has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 24 consecutive years by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION of the City of Brownsville, Texas, by virtue of the authority vested by the Charter of said City, do hereby designate

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and encourage all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DONE, on this, the 14th day of November, 2023.



JOHN COWEN, JR.
MAYOR


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