



**PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS,  
RECOGNIZING ARBOR DAY**

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

**WHEREAS**, AX Benavides Elementary School planted 12 trees donated by the City of Brownsville Engineering and Public Works Department and recently hosted a planting event ceremony on November 07, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Brownsville continues to demonstrate its commitment to trees by conducting ongoing tree planting projects in city-owned parks, trails, right of ways, medians, and other city-owned 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 storm water, lower heating costs and provide habitat for urban wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Brownsville has been recognized as Tree City USA city for 25 consecutive years by the National Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of Tree 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, and on behalf of all our citizens, do hereby recognize **ARBOR DAY**, in the City of Brownsville and further call upon the citizens of Brownsville to support tree planting projects within the City of Brownsville.

**DONE**, on this, the 3rd day of December 2024.

  
**JOHN COWEN, JR.**  
MAYOR

  
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AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER "A"

  
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