



*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS,  
DESIGNATING NOVEMBER 30, 2022  
AS "ARBOR DAY" IN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE*

**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 nation each year; and

**WHEREAS**, One Tree Planted donated \$40,000 towards the planting of 140 trees at Palm Grove Elementary School, Pena Elementary School, Breeden Elementary School, Castaneda Elementary School, Perez Elementary School, Pullman Elementary School, and Stell Middle School; and

**WHEREAS**, each of these schools would not only be planting up to 20 trees on each campus, but they would also be hosting individual Arbor Day Events starting November 17, 2022 through December 21, 2022; 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, right-of-ways, medians, and other city properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brownsville is committed to maintaining a healthy urban forest by promoting tree planting to increase shading, absorb CO2, decrease the associated costs of unabated storm-water, lower heating and cooling costs, and provide habitat for urban wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brownsville has been recognized as a Tree City USA® for 23 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, and on behalf of all our citizens, do hereby **DESIGNATE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2022, AS "ARBOR DAY" IN THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE**, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by planting and caring for trees, supporting the efforts to protect our trees, and, thus, promoting the well-being of this and future generations.

**DONE**, on this, the 30th day of November 2022.

  
**JUAN "TREY" MENDEZ  
MAYOR**

  
**JOHN COWEN, JR.  
AT-LARGE COMMISSIONER "A"**

  
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**YOLANDA G. GOMEZ  
INTERIM CITY SECRETARY**