

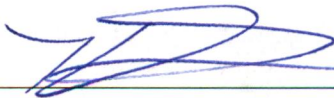
**PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY**

- WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is graced with diverse forests that extend from the hardwood forests of the east to the cypress sloughs of the west; and
- WHEREAS, Trees are a sustainable resource providing significant environmental, economic, social, and human health benefits to Kentuckians; and
- WHEREAS, Over one-third of Kentuckians live in a community actively managing their urban forests, spending over \$8.2 million dollars on this asset; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky's forest products are a \$13.18 billion dollar green industry employing over 50,000 people; and
- WHEREAS, Trees enhance our air quality, purify our water resources, protect our soil, supply a source of renewable energy, and provide valuable wildlife habitat; and
- WHEREAS, Forests improve our health and offer a place of recreation and solace; and
- WHEREAS, Trees and healthy forests enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Spragas, Marshall County Judge Executive, hereby proclaim April 7, 2023 (or other designated date) as

ARBOR DAY

in the state of Kentucky. I urge all citizens across this great Commonwealth to participate in the observance of this day by planting a tree. Our reward and that of future generations will be a more beautiful Kentucky, whose health and well-being are sustained by this great natural resource – our forests.



Marshall County Judge Executive