



WHEREAS in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting of trees; and

WHEREAS this day, now known as ARBOR DAY, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS trees reduce erosion of our topsoil, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource that provides paper, wood, fuel, and beauty

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jonathan Elmore, Mayor of the City of Avondale Estates, Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 20, 2026, as the 153rd anniversary celebration of Arbor Day, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Dated this 11th day of February 2026

Jonathan Elmore, Mayor

