

**PROCLAMATION**

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

**WHEREAS,** National Arbor Day will be observed on April 24, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** the Georgia General Assembly proclaimed the first Georgia Arbor Day in 1890, to be observed annually on the third Friday of February, in keeping within the planting season for trees in Georgia; and

**WHEREAS,** the City planted three willow oaks at Brook Run Park on February 23, 2015 in observance of Georgia Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS,** trees improve air and water quality, reduce the erosion of topsoil, provide shade and habitat for wildlife, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** tree preservation and replacement is critical to maintain a healthy and vibrant tree canopy; and

**WHEREAS,** the City applies policies to replace losses to the tree canopy, hosts educational volunteer events, and preserves and protects existing trees through the enforcement of tree preservation ordinances; and

**WHEREAS,** the community is committed to fostering and maintaining the abundant tree canopy, distinctive of the City of Dunwoody’s identity.

**NOW, THEREFORE I,** Mike Davis, Mayor of the City of Dunwoody, do hereby proclaim **April 24, 2015** as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Dunwoody and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dunwoody to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**CITY OF DUNWOODY**

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Michael G. Davis, Mayor

Attest:

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Sharon Lowery, City Clerk