

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, trees are a valuable and renewable resource giving us paper, wood for building and furnishing our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our cities increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; *and*

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Arbor Day throughout the nation and the world provides an opportunity to realize the importance of tree care and appreciation and to recognize the contribution of such to a cleaner and healthier environment; *and*

WHEREAS, the City of Laurel is proud of its street, park, and home garden trees and the beauty they add to our community, and as such, has set aside **February 13, 2026**, as Arbor Day in Laurel, Mississippi.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Johnny Magee, Mayor of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, and we, the Laurel City Council do hereby proclaim **February 13th, 2026**, as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Laurel and encourage all residents to recognize the importance trees have in brightening and enhancing our lives.

WITNESS our signatures and the seal of the City of Laurel, Mississippi, this the 3rd day of ***February***, A.D. 2026.

ATTEST: Johnny Magee, Mayor

Kristal Jones, City Clerk

Witness our signatures on this the 3rd day of FEBRUARY, A.D. 2026.

Jason Capers, Councilman, Ward 1

Kevin Kelly, Councilman, Ward 2

Angie Scruggs, Councilwoman, Ward 3,

George Carmichael, Councilman, Ward 4, President

Andrea Thomas, Councilwoman, Ward 5

Grace Amos, Councilwoman, Ward 6

Marian Allen, Councilwoman, Ward 7

ATTEST:

Sharon King, Clerk of the Council