

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a time-honored celebration dedicated to the planting, nurturing, and stewardship of trees, first established in 1872 to encourage communities across the nation to enhance their environment through reforestation and responsible land care; and

WHEREAS, trees provide countless environmental, economic, and social benefits—improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff, conserving energy, enhancing property values, cooling neighborhoods, and creating vibrant, healthy spaces for recreation and community connection; and

WHEREAS, the natural canopy of DeKalb County is one of its greatest assets, contributing to the County’s beauty, biodiversity, and resilience, and serving as a vital resource in mitigating the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is committed to preserving and expanding its tree canopy through sustainable development practices, community forestry initiatives, environmental education, and partnerships with local schools, nonprofits, neighborhood associations, and environmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day provides an annual opportunity to recognize the importance of environmental stewardship and to inspire residents of all ages to participate in tree planting, conservation activities, and habitat restoration efforts that protect our natural heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the continued health, growth, and protection of DeKalb County’s urban forest are essential to ensuring a cleaner, greener, and more resilient community for all who live, work, and visit here.

N o w , t h e r e f o r e, we, the **Chief Executive Officer** and **Board of Commissioners**, on behalf of DeKalb County and its more than **780,000 citizens**, do hereby proclaim that we celebrate **ARBOR DAY** in DeKalb County and urge all residents to celebrate by planting trees, engaging in community conservation efforts, and recommitting to the care and protection of our local environment.

P r o c l a i m e d , t h i s 9th day of December 2025



Chief Executive Officer
Lorraine Cochran-Johnson

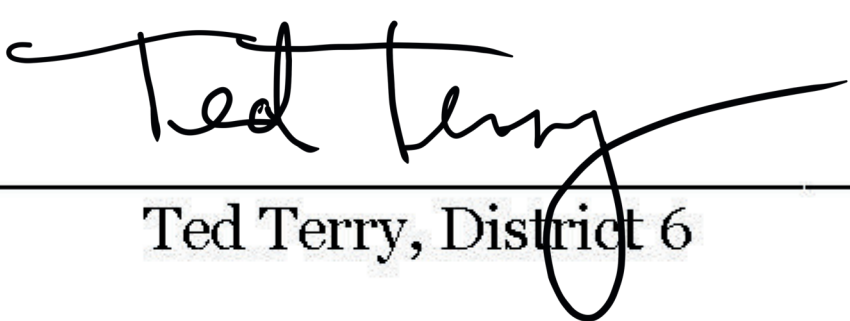

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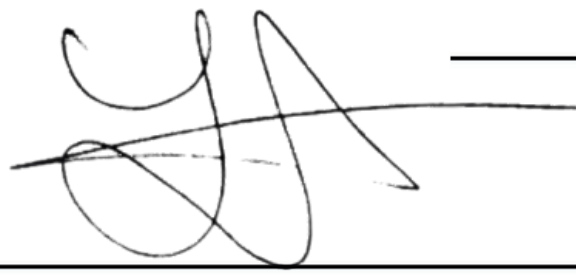

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