

TOWN OF LURAY

2018 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs through temperature moderation, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife, and

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

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

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Luray, Virginia is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and desires to continue its tree planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Barry Presgraves, Mayor of the Town of Luray, Virginia do hereby proclaim, Saturday, April 21, 2018 as **Arbor Day** in the Town of Luray. The celebration will begin at 1:00 p.m. and be held at Yager's Spring House.

Adopted this ____ Day of January 2018

Mayor Barry Presgraves

ATTEST:

Danielle Babb, Clerk of Council