## 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, Texas first observed Arbor Day in 1899, under the leadership of the Texas Forestry Service; and

Whereas, for 28 years Lewisville has been recognized as a Tree City USA and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

Whereas, Lewisville recognizes all across Texas trees are beautiful and prominent feature of our unique and breathtaking landscape; and

Whereas, in partnership with Keep Lewisville Beautiful and the Friends of LLELA, Lewisville recognizes the need to protect our urban forests and tree canopy; and

Whereas, our community has committed to addressing that need by adopting the Lewisville 2025 Plan and developing Healthy Infrastructure Plan; and

Now, therefore, I, TJ Gilmore, Mayor of the City of Lewisville, Texas, and on behalf of the Lewisville City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 3, 2023 as:

## "TEXAS ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Lewisville and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our City's community forestry program, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to create a brighter and greener future for the next generation.

TJ Gilmore, Mayor City of Lewisville