## Proclamation

## Office of the Mayor | City of Farmers Branch

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

WHEREAS Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide 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 city 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 City of Farmers Branch desires to continue to support the beautification of our city and contribute to the betterment of the environment through the maintenance and care of the existing trees in Farmers Branch and any new trees planted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry Lynne**, Mayor of the City of Farmers Branch, do hereby proclaim the date of November 1, 2024, as **Arbor Day**.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024

Terry Lynne, Mayor