



PROCLAMATION 2020-03

A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY

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

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

**WHEREAS**, trees also increase urban property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community; and

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

**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**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the city of Cottonwood Heights (the "City"), and to celebrate Arbor Day 2020, the City desires to express its support for Arbor Day and the related activities planned to occur in the City, including the planting of 15 trees on 23 April 2020 and the use of a tree with a tree house in the City's 2020 parade float;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Cottonwood Heights city council that the City hereby recognizes Arbor Day, and urges all City residents to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect the City's trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of the City's current and future residents.

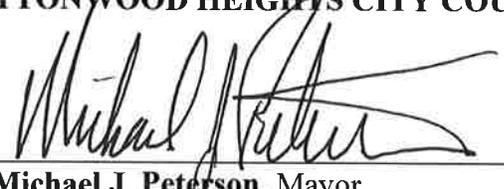
**DATED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

**ATTEST:**

**COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**

By:   
Paula Melgar, Recorder



By:   
Michael J. Peterson, Mayor