

**PROCLAMATION  
ARBOR DAY**

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is blessed with diverse forests that extend from the hardwood forests of the east to the cypress sloughs of the west; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a sustainable resource providing significant environmental, economic, social, and human health benefits to Kentuckians; and

WHEREAS, One third of Kentuckians live in a community actively managing their urban forests, spending a total of \$7 million dollars on this asset; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's forest products are a \$13.5 billion dollar green industry employing over 60,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Trees enhance our air quality, purify our water resources, protect our soil, supply a source of renewable energy, and provide valuable wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Forests improve our health by offering a place of recreation and solace; and

WHEREAS, Trees and healthy forests enhance the quality of life for all Kentuckians,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARSHALL TODD, Pulaski County Judge Executive, hereby proclaim April 5, 2024 as

**ARBOR DAY**

in the state of Kentucky. I urge all citizens across this great Commonwealth to participate in the observance of this day by planting a tree. Our reward and that of future generations will be a more beautiful Kentucky, whose health and well-being are sustained by this great natural resource – our forests.

DATED this 4th day of April, 2024

  
County Judge Executive