

**PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY 2016**

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 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, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, 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 town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Georgetown desires to encourage tree-planting efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of the City of Georgetown, South Carolina, I, Mayor Jack M. Scoville, Jr., do hereby proclaim December 2, 2016 as **ARBOR DAY** in the City of Georgetown.

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Signed, Sealed and Dated this 2nd day of December 2016.

Jack M. Scoville, Jr.
Mayor