



From the Governing Body of  
Opelika, Alabama



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, IN 1872 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 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, fuel and countless other products; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and provide a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

**WHEREAS**, Opelika has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue planting trees.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Fuller, Mayor of the City of Opelika, Alabama do hereby proclaim February 22, 2014 as



## ARBOR DAY IN OPELIKA

And I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to plant trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the seal of Opelika, Alabama, to be affixed this the 18th day of February 2014.

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Gary Fuller  
Mayor, City of Opelika

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ATTEST