

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, the world community is concerned about the impacts of climate change and understands the roles trees play in mitigating its impacts; and

WHEREAS, Arlington has about 755,400 trees of at least 122 species worth about \$1.41 billion; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's trees remove about 1,235 tons/year of air pollution a year, making us healthier, preventing disease and hospital visits; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's trees reduced 10,730,168 cubic feet/year of storm and floodwater runoff, equal to 122 Olympic-sized pools; and

WHEREAS, Arlington's trees provide food, shelter, and habitat for over 500 species of animals; and

WHEREAS, students of the Arlington Public Schools system will show their commitment to the environment through ceremonies at their schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christian Dorsey, Chair of the Arlington County Board, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 19, 2023, as the celebration of

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in Arlington and urge all individuals, groups, businesses, and schools to celebrate and enjoy Arlington's outdoors and the richness of our County through the planting and conservation of trees.



Christian Dorsey
Chair