## CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## **PROCLAMATION**

DECLARING APRIL 26, 2024, TO BE ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

Arbor Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the important roles that trees play in enhancing community health and keeping the City of Hyattsville beautiful and environmentally sustainable.

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is dedicated to the planting of trees in our community, in order to support our environment and strengthen our community's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hyattsville has a long-standing commitment to preserving and enhancing our urban forest and has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for more than 30 years; and

**WHEREAS,** the City takes pride in being environmentally sustainable, in numerous practices and processes with the support of the City Arborist, Department of Public Works and the Hyattsville Shade Tree board; and

WHEREAS, this year the City will celebrate and encourage the viability of Arbor Day initially on April 24, 2024, at Driskell Park, beginning at 9:00 am by planting trees and re-mulching wooded trails with volunteers from Gonzaga College Highschool; and again on Saturday, May 4, 2024, beginning at 9:00 am at University Hills Duck Pond, by planting 80 trees with Casey Trees; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents, businesses, and community groups are encouraged to participate in Arbor Day celebrations and events, including tree plantings, educational programs, and volunteer opportunities, to help promote a healthy and sustainable urban tree canopy in our city;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hyattsville proclaim Friday, April 26, 2024, to be Arbor Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the trees that make our City both beautiful and sustainable.

