

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and has grown to thousand of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and
- WHEREAS, trees improve water quality and quantity, reduce erosion of precious topsoil, increase property values and economic vitality in business areas, provide shade, clean air, habitat for wildlife, promote human health and well-being and add beauty to communities; 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, all of Georgia benefits from forestry, which contributes \$28.5 billion annually to our state's economy and provides employment for more than 141,000 people; and
- WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and
- WHEREAS, The City of Norcross wishes to be recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue effective management of its public tree resources, and
- WHEREAS, The City of Norcross wishes to celebrate Georgia Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony at the new Norcross Welcome Center,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bucky Johnson, Mayor of the City of Norcross, do hereby proclaim February 19, 2010 as

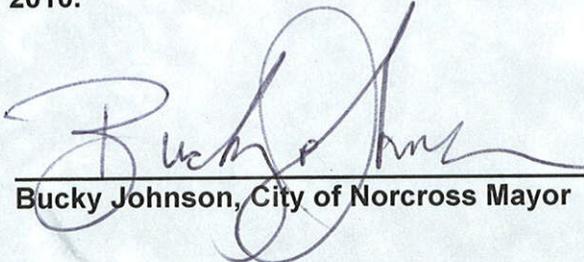
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in the City of Norcross, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program, and

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

DATED this 19th day of February, 2010.




Bucky Johnson, City of Norcross Mayor