ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

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 first 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, on March 10, 2020 Cameron, Missouri was named a 2019 Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving 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 city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor of the City of Cameron, Clinton and DeKalb Counties, Missouri, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2020 as

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in the City of Cameron, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

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

Dated this 15th day of June 2020.

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Mayor Dennis M. Clark