

City of Toccoa

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, the 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, in February 2006 Toccoa was designated for the first time in its history as a new Tree City USA at the Georgia's Arbor Day Ceremony by the Georgia Urban Council, and has been designated as a "Tree City for 2024" by the Georgia Urban Council, 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 make neighborhoods healthier, 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 renewal.

THEREFORE, the Toccoa City Commission does hereby proclaim February 16, 2024 as

Toccoa Arbor Day

In the City of Toccoa, and we urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

READ AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at the meeting of the City Commission of the City of Toccoa, Georgia held at the Toccoa City Hall on this the 12th day of February 2024.

City Seal

Gail Fry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Rider, City Clerk

Attachment: Toccoa Arbor Day (3142 : Arbor Day Proclamation)