



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Office of the County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland recognizes April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, a national effort created to recognize the importance of trees; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and are among the oldest living things. Trees serve as an essential source of inspiration and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County was the first County in the State of Maryland to implement plans to protect and maintain forest resources and has been recognized as a "TREE CITY USA" recipient for thirty-eight consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Prince George's County encourages its residents and youth to learn about the importance of environmental balance and their role in the stewardship of the earth; and

WHEREAS, volunteers from the Prince George's County Beautification Committee and the staff and students of Mattaponi Elementary School in Upper Marlboro are demonstrating their commitment to preserving the environment by joining in the tree-planting celebration by planting eighteen trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA ALSOBROOKS, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2022, as Arbor Day in Prince George's County. **FURTHER**, I encourage all citizens and residents to follow the example of the students at Mattaponi Elementary School by celebrating tree-planting activities that enhance and protect the environment and help create a clean and beautiful Prince George's County.



Angela Alsobrooks
County Executive