



STATE OF ARKANSAS  
*City of Brookland*

**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 one million trees in Nebraska, and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the world and nationally to encourage Americans to maintain and replenish our country's forests and woodlands, and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce erosion, provide stability for our ecosystem and supply habitat for wildlife, and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource providing paper, wood for construction, fuel for fires and countless other wood products, and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city provide shade and beautify homes, neighborhoods and parks in the community,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor of the City of Brookland, Arkansas, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2012 as

**ARBOR DAY**

In the City of Brookland, Arkansas, and I urge all residents to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to enrich our community and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Proclaimed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

  
Kenneth D. Jones, Mayor