

**CITY OF NIXA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, trees are a vital and renewable resource that enhance the beauty of our city, improve air quality, conserve energy, reduce stormwater runoff, provide wildlife habitat, and contribute to the overall health and well-being of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Arbor Day encourages citizens to recognize the importance of trees and to actively participate in the planting and care of trees for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Nixa is committed to fostering a safe, vibrant, and sustainable community, and recognizes that the planting of trees serves as a living tribute that symbolizes strength, growth, and enduring legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, we pause to honor the sacrifice of two brave deputies of the Christian County Sheriff's Office who gave their lives in the line of duty while protecting and serving the citizens of Christian County; and

**WHEREAS**, the planting of two trees on this Arbor Day will stand as a lasting memorial to these fallen deputies, representing courage, service, and dedication to our community, and serving as a place of reflection and remembrance for all who visit; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jarad Giddens, Mayor of the City of Nixa, Missouri, do hereby proclaim April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as

**"Arbor Day"**

The City of Nixa encourages all citizens to celebrate this day by planting trees, caring for our urban forest, and reflecting on the lives and sacrifices of those who serve and protect our community. The City of Nixa dedicates the planting of two memorial trees in honor of the fallen deputies of the Christian County Sheriff's Office, ensuring their legacy of service will continue to grow and inspire generations to come.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Nixa, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk