



# PROCLAMATION

## GEORGIA ARBOR DAY FEBRUARY 18, 2026

**WHEREAS**, the first Arbor Day was celebrated in 1872 in Nebraska as a special day for planting trees and it has grown to thousands of celebrations in communities across our nation each year; and

**WHEREAS**, community partners, families and friends will join together at local Arbor Day ceremonies to recognize the benefits of trees and urban forests; and

**WHEREAS**, trees improve air and water quality, reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, increase property value and economic vitality in business areas, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, provide shade and habitat for wildlife and add beauty to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, trees promote outdoor recreation which improves human health and well-being and are a source of renewal and enhance the aesthetic quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Annalee Sams, Mayor of the City of Dalton, Georgia hereby proclaim February 18, 2026 as “**GEORGIA ARBOR DAY**” and encourage our citizens to plant trees thus leaving a legacy for present and future generations.

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the seal of this city to be affixed.*

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

Date February 18, 2026 \_\_\_\_\_