PROCLAMATION
ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF STUART
JANUARY 18, 2020

WHEREAS, 148 years ago Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 in Nebraska and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stuart is one of 164 Florida cities that have been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management; and

WHEREAS, trees support our environment by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, filtering of storm water, producing oxygen and providing a habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees improve our physical health by cleaning the air, reducing exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays, and decreasing temperatures during the summertime. Trees also support our economy by creating jobs, increasing property values, conserving energy and enhancing the retail experience in our downtown; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of Stuart provided 250 pine seedlings to local school groups in support of Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, The Garden Club of Stuart has tirelessly encouraged the planting of trees and encouraged the care and protection of trees so that we can pass on an enduring heritage of a vital natural resource to succeeding generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Meier**,** as Mayor of the City of Stuart, Florida do hereby proclaim January 18, 2020, as:

STUART ARBOR DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Stuart Florida to be affixed this day of 13th January, 2020.

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MICHAEL J. MEIER
MAYOR