



## TOWN OF MONTREAT

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### **PROCLAMATION #21-08-001 DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE TOWN OF MONTREAT**

**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 a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now celebrated throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the American chestnut tree was a major source of beauty and an important resource of food and lumber at the time of Montreat's inception at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, during the first four decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century approximately 90% of the species was destroyed by a blight; and

**WHEREAS**, The American Chestnut Foundation has been working to develop a blight-resistant variety of the American chestnut; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Montreat Tree Board is working with The American Chestnut Foundation in its efforts to re-introduce this iconic species to Montreat and Western North Carolina;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Montreat Board of Commissioners hereby designates September 4, 2021 as Arbor Day in the Town of Montreat, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and The American Chestnut Foundation to re-introduce the American Chestnut to Montreat, and to continue to protect our trees and woodlands.

**READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED**, this the 12th day of August , 2021.

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Tim Helms, Mayor

ATTEST:

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of this Resolution, duly adopted by the Town of Montreat on the 12th day of August, 2021 as it appears of record in the official minutes.

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Angie Murphy  
Town Clerk