**WHEREAS** in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and now this holiday, called Arbor Day, is celebrated nationally and throughout the world; and,

**WHEREAS,** trees are a source of beauty and renewal, and to quote J. Sterling Morton, “Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future”; and

**WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Paducah has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for more that 30 years, and we will continue to build a tree canopy for our City; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I George Bray, Mayor of the City of Paducah, Kentucky hereby proclaim
April 26, 2024, as

**ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Paducah and I urge all citizens to support efforts to plant and protect our trees and woodlands for our present and future generations.