## CITY OF PROSPECT, KENTUCKY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, trees contribute significantly to property values for residential, commercial, and public lands; and

WHEREAS, trees absorb high amounts of carbon dioxide and return oxygen to the air, providing a vital source of improved air quality; and

WHEREAS, trees improve air quality by filtering many airborne pollutants and contribute to reductions in the severity of respiratory illnesses; and

WHEREAS, trees contribute to moderation of temperatures as well as reduction of extreme weather phenomena including intense sun and wind conditions; and

WHEREAS, trees provide many environmental benefits in addition to better air quality, including enhanced water quality, storm water interception, noise abatement, wildlife food and habitat, and soil erosion prevention; and

WHEREAS, trees and forestation offer numerous community benefits such as pride in regional identity, reduction of harshness in urban environments, reductions in costs for heating and cooling, improved physical and mental health, and more harmonious relationships among individuals and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Prospect, a Tree City U.S.A. community, has determined that the encouragement and planting and preservation of trees on both public and private property is essential to the continued economic health and physical attractiveness of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, under the executive authority set out in Kentucky Revised Statutes at Chapter 83A.130, I, John Evans, Mayor of the City of Prospect, hereby proclaim Saturday, October 30, 2021 as Arborfest Day in the City of Prospect and encourage all citizens of the City to attend the celebration from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. on that day at Prospect's City Hall to gain information on the care and management of trees and urban forestation, consult with professional arborists and tree experts on a variety of tree-related issues, receive free trees, and socialize with others who hold interest in trees and forestation.

SO ORDERED THIS DAY OF , 2021

John Evans Mayor, City of Prospect, Kentucky

ATTEST:

John S. Carter City Clerk, City of Prospect, Kentucky