

**WHEREAS:** Ashanti Cultural Arts and Enrichment, Inc. will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**WHEREAS:** Ashanti was founded in March of 1990 by Pompano Beach resident, Linda Houston Jones; and

**WHEREAS:** Ashanti has been serving communities for over 20 years with classes and entertainment in the Arts since the organization's founding; and

WHEREAS: Ashanti's mission is to provide communities with premier programs in literacy, music, dance and wellness classes; and

**WHEREAS:** Ashanti's mission is achieved through Arts in Education, After School Programs, Summer Camps, Wellness Programs, Main Stage Productions and has received many prestigious awards and is recognized as a leader in the arts.

**WHEREAS:** our community recognizes that quality education is essential to community well-being and thank Ashanti Cultural Arts and Enrichment, Inc. for playing a vital role in building the future; one student at a time.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lamar Fisher, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, do hereby join the City Commission and the residents in bestowing our pride, support, and gratitude to Linda Houston Jones and Ashanti Cultural Arts and Enrichment, Inc. and wish them a happy 25th Anniversary.

**DONE**, this 8<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2015.

Lamar Fisher MAYOR



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: the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed

with the planting of more than a million trees in

Nebraska; and

WHEREAS: trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil

by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS: trees in our city increase property values, enhance

the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify

our community; and

**WHEREAS:** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy

and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lamar Fisher, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2015 as:

## **ARBOR DAY**

in the City of Pompano Beach.

**DONE**, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

LAMAR FISHER MAYOR