

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2018

A RESOLUTION NAMING BUR OAK THE OFFICIAL TREE OF LEXINGTON.

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WHEREAS, Lexington has continually demonstrated concern for and interest in the welfare of its tree canopy resulting in the designation of Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 30 years, longer than any other Kentucky community; and

WHEREAS, bur oak is a species indigenous to Kentucky and an important part of Lexington's urban forest; and

WHEREAS, some significant bur oaks in Fayette County have been documented to be well over 300 years old and have stood as a testament in time to the early settlement of Lexington; and

WHEREAS, bur oaks were an important part of the lives of Native Americans and early pioneers; and

WHEREAS, over weeks of polling, survey participants resoundingly found bur oak to be the best representative tree species for Lexington's official tree; and

WHEREAS, designating bur oak as Lexington's official tree will raise awareness and encourage planting, conservation and preservation of this tree species;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) shall now and henceforth be the official tree of Lexington, Kentucky.

Section 2 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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