



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of Arbor Day 2008

### **Report in Brief**

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Angie Dennie will be present to speak on behalf of the Arbor Day Committee and receive a resolution proclaiming March 15, 2008 as Arbor Day.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution proclaiming March 15, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodland.

### **Background**

Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. The observance and celebration of Arbor Day is one of the requirements of Woodland's designation as a "Tree City USA."

Founded by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska in 1872, National Arbor Day is usually celebrated each year on the last Friday in April, but this date varies depending on the climate of the state in which it is being held.

The observance of Arbor Day not only shows the City of Woodland's commitment to its urban forest, but will also increase awareness of the importance of trees in urban areas and provide educational opportunities to promote and improve the practice of urban tree planting and care.

### **Discussion**

Support of this resolution would reflect the City's continuing commitment to our urban forest and the quality of life that these assets provide the community.

### **Fiscal Impact**

None.

**Public Contact**

Posting of the City Council agenda.

**Commission Recommendation**

Arbor Day is supported yearly by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution proclaiming March 15, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodland.

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City Manager

Attachments: Resolution  
Flyer

**CITY OF WOODLAND  
RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ARBOR DAY 2008**

**WHEREAS**, In 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed 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**, 2008 is the 136<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the holiday, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires and beautifying our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Woodland hereby proclaims Saturday, March 15, 2008 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodland, and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19th day of February, 2008 by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

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**Dave Flory, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Sue Vannucci, City Clerk**