



City of Woodland

REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: March 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation in Support of Arbor Day 2009

Report in Brief

Each year the City of Woodland celebrates Arbor Day in order to recognize the community benefits of trees and the community's heritage as "The City of Trees".

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the attached proclamation proclaiming March 14, 2009 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.

As part of the day's festivities, 20 trees will be planted at City Park and surrounding park strips. Additionally, the public will be shown proper planting techniques.

Discussion

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

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

Commission Recommendation

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

Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council approve proclamation proclaiming March 14, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodland.

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City Manager

Attachments: Proclamation

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PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY 2009

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

WHEREAS, this holiday, Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, 2009 is the 137th 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, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim Saturday, March 14, 2009 as Arbor Day in the City of Woodland, and urges all citizens to celebrate and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2009 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor
William Marble, Council Member

Martie L. Dote, Council Member
Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member