



Resolution

Celebrating Arbor Day April 26, 2009

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first celebrated in 1872 at the request of Julius Sterling Morton in an effort to encourage citizens to plant trees and protect the natural vegetation of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day has since become a national holiday and is also celebrated in dozens of countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento is recognized as an official Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is well known for its natural heritage, picturesque rivers, and beautiful landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the trees of our great City offer shade, scenic beauty, fresh air, summer cooling values for energy savings, water conservation features and wildlife habitat as well as an increase in property values; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento's environment has a major influence on the quality of life afforded residents and visitors, granting them the opportunity to enjoy the majestic tree-lined streets and shaded parks of a community that cares for its ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Sacramentans recognize the importance of our natural environment and continue to treat our local flora with the utmost respect and care.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and the Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby observe April 26, 2009 as *Arbor Day* and urge all residents of Sacramento to join together to protect and maintain our urban forest.

ISSUED: This 26th Day of April 2009.

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