

## Examples of Arbor Day Proclamations

- Arbor Day Proclamation – Arbor Day Foundation  
<https://www.arborday.org/celebrate/documents/proclamation.pdf>
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Tree City USA
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Coral Gables, FL 2023
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Pasadena, CA 2023
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Surfside, FL 2021
- Arbor Day Proclamation – Springfield, MA 2020



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## OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS** in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

**WHEREAS** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *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, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim \_\_\_\_\_ as **ARBOR DAY** In the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_

## TREE CITY USA

### Standard 4: Arbor Day Proclamation & Observance

#### *Sample Proclamation:*

# Arbor Day Proclamation

- 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,* 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, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and
- Whereas,* trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor of the City of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim  
\_\_\_\_\_ as

# Arbor Day

in the City of \_\_\_\_\_, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

*Further,* I urge all citizens to plant and care for trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

*Dated* this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_



CITY OF CORAL GABLES



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 10, 1872, an idea that was first proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture by J. Sterling Morton. This event later evolved into a holiday that is celebrated and sponsored annually since 1985 by the City of Coral Gables, in conjunction with the City's Landscape Beautification Advisory Board and the Coral Gables Garden Club, as a reminder of the significance of our City's trees; and*

*WHEREAS, trees provide countless benefits to our community, including environmental, public health, social and economic benefits by improving our air quality, providing us with shade, enhancing our parks and public spaces, filtering and reducing stormwater runoff into our waterways, providing a natural habitat to our neighborhood wildlife while simultaneously increasing property values, and enhancing the vitality of the City's business areas while beautifying our community and business areas alike; and*

*WHEREAS, Coral Gables Founder George Merrick recognized and emphasized the importance of the natural beauty of this tropical landscape, and consequently hired Landscape Architects Frank Butler, designer of Lincoln Park in Chicago, to design the grand vistas and tree-lined streets that still convey a quality of centuries-old permanence; and*

*WHEREAS, 2023 marks the ninety-eighth anniversary of the founding of the City of Coral Gables, as well as the thirty-eighth year as a "Tree City USA," accentuating the City's commitment and involvement of our citizens, board members and employees alike, in furtherance of conserving our City's picturesque landscape;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, VINCE LAGO, as Mayor of Coral Gables, along with the members of our City Commission, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023 as:*

## "ARBOR DAY IN CORAL GABLES"

*IN OBSERVANCE THEREOF, I call upon the citizens of the City of Coral Gables to join me in recognizing this annual noteworthy occasion, while concomitantly continuing our endeavor to preserve our City's valuable tree resource heritage, by supporting those efforts aimed at promoting our environment.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Coral Gables to be affixed on this twenty-eighth day of April A.D., 2023.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Vince Lago".

Vince Lago  
Mayor

Rhonda Anderson  
Commissioner

Melissa Carter  
Commissioner

Ariel Fernandez  
Commissioner

Kirk R. Menendez  
Commissioner



# CITY OF PASADENA

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas* established in 1872, Arbor Day encourages the planting of trees in urban and wildland areas to protect, renew and manage our trees and forests, and to encourage a healthy ecosystem; and

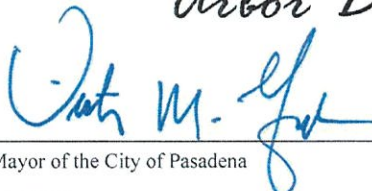
*Whereas* for the 33<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized Pasadena as a Tree City USA designee and has awarded to Pasadena for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year a Growth Award for excellence in promoting urban forestry programs; and

*Whereas* Pasadena is committed to trees as a defining feature of this great City, and on April 29 the City will plant 15 trees in District 2 around Jefferson Park through a longstanding partnership with Pasadena Beautiful Foundation; and

*Whereas* the event will also highlight sustainability and tree care by way of a tree planting demonstration, supervision of the volunteer tree planting efforts, and distribution of informational material;

*Now, Therefore* I, Victor M. Gordo, Mayor of Pasadena, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2023 in the City of Pasadena as



*Arbor Day*  
  
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Mayor of the City of Pasadena

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 - 2775**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE'S COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT AND ENCOURAGING THE PLANTING OF TREES; PROCLAIMING APRIL 26, 2021 IN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE AS "ARBOR DAY"; PROVIDING APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**WHEREAS**, 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**, as trees grow, they help stop climate change by removing carbon dioxide from the air, storing carbon in the trees and soil, and releasing oxygen into the atmosphere; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of the business areas, and beautify our community; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, hereby proclaims April 26, 2021 as "Arbor Day," and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and the importance of trees, and to support efforts to protect our trees and natural habitats; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission urges all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above and foregoing are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 2. Approval and Authorization.** The Town Commission approves and authorizes the Town Manager and/or his designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution to proclaim April 26, 2021 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Surfside (Attachment "A").

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

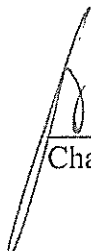
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Kesl

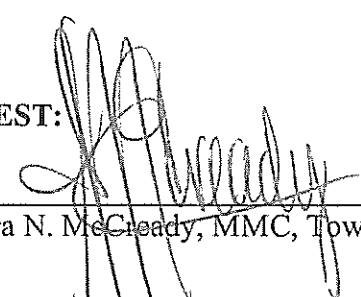
Second by Commissioner Velasquez

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION**


Commissioner Charles Kesl	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra N. McCready, MMC, Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY  
FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

  
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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney





## THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR DOMENIC J. SARNO

HOME OF THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

### Proclamation

*Whereas*, Arbor Day is a day set aside to encourage the planting, protection and appreciation of the forest and shade trees of our nation and to raise the awareness of our young people and citizenry in this regard; and

*Whereas*, The City of Springfield has been blessed with a variety of shade trees that gracefully line our streets and thoroughfares and we have nurtured a forestry tradition within the Springfield Park Department that has garnered many urban design and forest awards; and

*Whereas*, For thirty-four consecutive years, the National Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Springfield as a "Tree City USA" which is committed to tree planting, conservation and environmental stewardship; and

*Whereas*, today year marks the thirty-fifth Arbor Day celebration in the City of Springfield and we are proud to commemorate this occasion and look forward to celebrating our natural resources together when it is safe to gather.

*Therefore, I, Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor*  
of the City of Springfield, do hereby recognize

*Friday, April 24, 2020 as*  
**"Arbor Day"**

In the City of Springfield, and I strongly encourage all of our citizens to take notice of this event and participate suitably in its observance.

DOMENIC J. SARNO, MAYOR

*"Long Live  
Johnny's Apples!!"  
God Bless.*