

CITY OF BELLE ISLE



Celebrating Tree City USA Communities, Arbor Day, and our Commitment to Effective Urban Forestry in the City of Belle Isle - 2024

- Whereas the City of Belle Isle, Florida, is recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management; and
- Whereas the City of Belle Isle achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation; and
- Whereas "Tree City USA communities see an urban forest's impact on a community firsthand. The Trees being planted and cared for by the City of Belle Isle ensure that generations enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation; and
- Whereas, if there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide face air quality issues, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, extreme heat, and flooding protection. Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and trees, wherever planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and



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Whereas, with Tree City USA recognition, the City of Belle Isle has demonstrated a commitment to effective urban forest management and its part to help address these challenges for its residents now and in the future.

Therefore, I, Nicholas Fouraker, Mayor of the City of Belle Isle, do hereby celebrate Tree USA communities and commit to the residents of the City of Belle Isle for their efforts to protect our trees, woodlands, and environmental initiatives. Further, I urge all residents to plant trees, promote the well-being of this and future generations, and broaden and diversify the environmental movement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Belle Isle to be affixed this 16th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-four.

Attest _____
Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

Mayor Nicholas Fouraker