

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE



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



Whereas the City of Belle Isle, Florida, was named a 2020 Tree City USA 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 the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand. The Trees being planted and cared for by the City of Belle Isle ensure that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and created 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 ever 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, and protection from extreme heat and flooding. 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

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 the City of Belle Isle 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Yolanda Quiceno, City Clerk

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Mayor Nicholas Fouraker

