

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM**

**RECOGNIZING 20 CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS A TREE CITY USA  
and  
CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY**

- WHEREAS,** the legacy of Arbor Day began with J. Sterling Morton's 1872 vision for a dedicated day to trees, a tradition elevated to national prominence in 1907 by President Theodore Roosevelt as a vital investment in our republic's future; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed annually throughout the nation and the world and will be celebrated in Folsom on Saturday, April 18, 2026; and
- WHEREAS,** our tree canopy serves as vital living infrastructure, stabilizing our soils, intercepting storm flows, and providing a natural cooling effect that lowers energy demands while filtering the very air we breathe; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are unique municipal assets that -increase in value over time, enhancing property values, fostering a restorative sanctuary that recharges the human spirit, and create shaded, walkable areas that strengthen our business community; and
- WHEREAS,** beyond their measurable utility, trees offer a timeless source of joy, weaving nature into the daily fabric of our city, offering a quiet legacy for generations to come; and
- WHEREAS,** for twenty consecutive years, the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Folsom as a Tree City USA, a milestone that reflects our city's unwavering commitment to fostering a robust, resilient tree canopy for all residents; and
- WHEREAS,** the City will celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees at Granite Mini Park, and will further observe our 20-year milestone as a Tree City USA with a commemorative planting event at McFarland Park this fall.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Justin Raithe**, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim **April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 as Arbor Day** in the City of Folsom, and urge all citizens to support our efforts in protecting our trees and woodlands and;

**FURTHER,** I urge all citizens to enjoy the cool shade of trees and join us in securing the well-being of future generations as Folsom celebrates two decades of excellence as a Tree City USA.

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Justin Raithe, MAYOR

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