

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

**ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED
in
ARBOR DAY**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, in 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed this as a national time to plant trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world and will be celebrated in Folsom on Saturday, April 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature city wide, catch rainwater, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes and furniture, and sequestering air and soil-borne carbon; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Forester in partnership with volunteers and the Sacramento Tree Foundation will be planting trees at Lion's Park in celebration of Arbor Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim April 20th, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Folsom, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, planting a tree of their own or joining in our City Arbor Day event and;

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to enjoy the cool shade of trees and promote the well-being of this and future generations as Folsom becomes a Tree City USA for the eighteenth year in a row.

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April 2024.

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

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FOLSOM
DISTINCTIVE BY NATURE