## 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 and nurturing of trees; and in 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed this as a national time to plant WHEREAS, and nurture trees; and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world and will be WHEREAS, celebrated in Folsom on Saturday, April 26, 2025; and WHEREAS. trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower 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 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 caring for our existing trees is one of the most important and often overlooked ways WHEREAS to foster a vibrant urban forest: and WHEREAS. the City Urban Forester, in partnership with volunteers and the Sacramento Tree Foundation, will be nurturing a grove of sapling oak trees through the application of mulch along the Willow Creek Humbug Trail to ensure a healthy, viable future for our city's urban forest in celebration of Arbor Day. NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Aquino, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 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 nineteenth year in a row. PROCLAIMED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025. Sarah Aquino, MAYOR

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