



City of LaBelle Arbor Day Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle is known as the “City Under the Oaks” and recognizes the importance of preserving and expanding its tree canopy to preserve the small-town character and Old Florida heritage that is hallmark to the City’s identity.

WHEREAS, the City values the role its tree canopy provides for the benefit of current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, trees are a vital and renewable resource that enhance the quality of life in the City of LaBelle by providing shade, reducing energy costs, improving air and water quality, and contributing to the natural beauty and character of the community; and

WHEREAS, trees play an important role in reducing soil erosion, improving stormwater management, and supporting wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day provides an opportunity to promote the importance of the City’s tree canopy, particularly significant native oak trees, environmental stewardship and encourage residents, businesses, and organizations to plant, maintain, and protect trees throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle encourages all citizens to participate in activities that support the conservation and enhancement of our urban forest; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the importance of trees and celebrate their many benefits to the community

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of LaBelle’s City Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of April 24, 2026 as:

“ARBOR DAY”

PROCLAIMED this 9th day of April, 2026

Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor
City of LaBelle