



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT Administration	PRESENTED BY Sara Law- Sustainability Coordinator/PIO	DATE April 16, 2024
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ITEM

RESOLUTION 2024-29 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALIDA, COLORADO, APPROVING MAY 11, 2024 AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF SALIDA.

BACKGROUND

The City of Salida has proudly been a part of the “Tree City USA” program for 37 years. This year, the Arbor Day Foundation presented the City with a Growth Award for its exceptional tree care and community engagement over the last year. Being a Tree City means that we maintain a Tree Board, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrate an Arbor Day each year.

This year, the City of Salida will have two Arbor Day events. The first is a volunteer day to plant 260 saplings on S Mountain. This collaborative effort is scheduled for Saturday, May 11, as part of a multi-year initiative aimed at restoring, reforestation, improving the natural landscape while building wildlife habitat and enhancing the recreational experience.

Our second event will be with a 4th grade class at Longfellow Elementary. They will be planting a tree in celebration of Arbor Day on Thursday, May 16th. The class researched shade tree species recommended by the tree board for planting along 8th Street adjacent to the playground, and they decided that they wanted to plant a Sensation Boxelder. Before planting the tree, they will be learning about the benefits of trees, why we plant trees, and the history of Arbor Day.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the City Council approve May 11, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Salida

SUGGESTED MOTION

A City Councilmember should state, “I move to approve Resolution 2024-29, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Salida, Colorado, approving May 11, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Salida,” followed by a second and a roll call vote.