CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: April 17, 2023

ITEM: Proclamation – Arbor Day – Friday, April 28, 2023

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BACKGROUND: The attached proclamation designates Friday, April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day. This proclamation is necessary in order for the City to qualify as a Tree City USA. It also demonstrates the City's commitment to trees and tree planting.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: None

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council approve the proclamation designating Friday, April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in West Des Moines.

Lead Staff Member: Paul Tauke
Urban Forestry Supervisor

STAFF REVIEWS

Department Director	Bret Hodne, Public Services Director
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	N/A
Dates(s) Published	

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	N/A		
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No	Split

PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and provide a source of joy and renewal,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the City of West Des Moines, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 28, 2023, as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of West Des Moines, and I, Mayor Russ Trimble urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect and maintain our trees and woodlands and to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this April 17, 2023.

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Russ Trimble, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ryan Jacobson, City Clerk