



REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
March 10, 2022

Department Park

Director Approval Scott Patton

AGENDA ITEM Consider proclaiming April 29, 2022 as Arbor Day.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION Approve Request

BACKGROUND On February 25th, 2016 The City Commission approved Ordinance # 4214 creating a Tree Board to honor the city's rich history of enjoying and preserving local natural resources, and to promote and protect the public health, safety and general welfare by providing for the development of a Community Forestry Plan to address the planting, maintenance and removal of trees located on public property, or which encroach upon public property, and to enhance the natural beauty of the community.

This year the Tree Board plans on celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 29th, 2022. This is the first step in renewing our recertification for Tree City USA.

BUDGET IMPACT N/A

SUGGESTED MOTION I move to sign the Arbor Day Proclamation for April 29, 2022.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT 2022 Arbor Day Proclamation



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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*

WHEREAS Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, *and*

WHEREAS trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife, *and*

WHEREAS trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, *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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, Mayor of the City of _____, do hereby proclaim _____ as **ARBOR DAY**

In the City of _____, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, *and*

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

DATED THIS _____ day of _____, _____

Mayor _____