



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
APRIL 29, 2016 AS
ARBOR DAY**

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

WHEREAS, 2016 is the 144th Anniversary of Arbor Day, and it 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 life-giving oxygen, and provide 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, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 34th consecutive year and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize and proclaim Friday, April 29th as "ARBOR DAY" in the City of Arroyo Grande, and urge all citizens to celebrate "ARBOR DAY", to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our City's community forestry program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens are urged to plant a tree to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26th day of April 2016.

JIM HILL, MAYOR



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