




City of Bandon


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Bandon by the Sea

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Torrey Contreras, City Manager 

INITIATED BY: Dana Nichols, Planning Director 

DATE: April 1, 2024

SUBJECT: **2.2 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the City of Bandon celebrates Arbor Day to recognize the important role that trees play in our community. This year, City Staff are planning for an Arbor Day event in later spring in hopes of better weather and a larger turnout. More information will be provided when the event date is set. However, the City is still required to issue a Proclamation annually celebrating Arbor Day to maintain our Tree City USA status.

Bandon has been a recognized Tree City USA member for the past 15 years and continues to reforest City Park and maintain other city-owned trees. Tree City USA is a program of the Arbor Day Foundation and requires that Cities maintain a tree board, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrate Arbor Day. The Arbor Day Foundation website describes the event as follows:

While most holidays celebrate something that has already happened and is worth remembering, Arbor Day represents a hope for the future. The simple act of planting a tree represents a belief that the tree will grow to provide us with clean air and water, cooling shade, habitat for wildlife, healthier communities, and endless natural beauty — all for a better tomorrow.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

RECOMMENDATION:

The following is recommended to the City Council:

1. Review and discuss the information provided; and
2. Read the Arbor Day Proclamation into the record of the meeting.

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Attachments:

1. Arbor Day Proclamation, 2024



Proclamation

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, 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 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, 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, Mary Schamehorn, Mayor of the City of Bandon, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as:

ARBOR DAY

In the City of Bandon, Oregon, 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.

In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Bandon to be affixed on this 1st day of April 2024.

Mary Schamehorn, Mayor