

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: March 20, 2023
Item No.: 5.a

Department Approval



City Manager Approval



Item Description: Arbor Day Proclamation

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 As a part of our Tree City USA membership, each year the City of Roseville proclaims a specific day
3 as Arbor Day in order to recognize the importance of trees and to promote their proper care and the
4 planting of many additional appropriate tree species to replace the thousands that have been lost over
5 the years.

6 **POLICY OBJECTIVE**

7 This is consistent with the policy adopted many years ago of annually proclaiming Arbor Day.

8 **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

9 None

10 **RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT SUMMARY**

11 Research shows that nationwide many neighborhoods of color have significantly less tree cover than
12 more white neighborhoods. Met Council data shows that these trends occur on a regional level as
13 well.

14 Roseville's ongoing commitment to its urban forest, including the Accelerated Emerald Ash Borer
15 program and volunteer tree planting events reflects the city's commitment to ensuring that all
16 residents, regardless of race or economic means, experience the benefits of a robust urban forest
17 including climate resilience, health benefits, emotional benefits and more.

18 **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

19 Staff recommends that April 28, 2023 be named Roseville Arbor Day.

20 **REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

21 Motion adopting the proclamation

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Attachments: A: Arbor Day Proclamation



Arbor Day

April 28, 2023

Whereas: Roseville's trees have been a significant element of our community because of their beauty and importance to our environment; and

Whereas: Trees are an increasingly vital resource for Roseville, enriching our lives by purifying air and water, helping to conserve soil and energy, in serving as recreational settings and wildlife habitat of all kinds; and

Whereas: Activities such as construction damage and pollution as well as drought and disease have damaged and destroyed many trees which are therefore in need of replacement; and

Whereas: The City of Roseville seeks to positively impact our environment by planting trees and insuring that these trees are nurtured and protected; 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; and

Whereas: Trees assist with drainage and flood mitigation and reduce city costs for sewer and water treatment; and

Whereas: Everyone is encouraged to care for our trees and plant as many trees as possible.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Council hereby declare April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this twentieth day of March 2023.

Mayor Daniel J. Roe