

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF 2024 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

DATE: APRIL 16, 2024

PRESENTED BY: CHRIS LICHTY, PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY:

This year the City of Louisville will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 19. This proclamation formally announces this years' Arbor Day.

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. 2024 Arbor Day Proclamation



ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, The City of Louisville conducts an annual Arbor Day Celebration, employs staff dedicated to tree care, has written a tree ordinance, and spends more than two dollars per capita on tree care, the National Arbor Day Foundation recognizes the City of Louisville as a Tree City USA for the 43rd consecutive year and

WHEREAS, the City of Louisville received the Tree City USA Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation for hiring a City Forester and completing an inventory of city trees and

WHEREAS, through the work of the Parks and Public Landscapes Board, the City of Louisville has established and committed to an ongoing landscape beautification master plan involving the planting of numerous trees and shrubs and

WHEREAS, through lottery proceeds the City of Louisville has established an arboretum and continues to maintain and manage through sound arboricultural practices.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Public Landscapes Board and City of Louisville staff continue to educate the public on sound horticultural and forestry practices and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day has been celebrated nationally since 1872.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Louisville does hereby proclaim Friday, April 19st, 2024 as Arbor Day in the city of Louisville and urge all citizens to celebrate efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

DATED this 16^h day of April 2024.

Christopher M. Leh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Meredyth Muth, City Clerk