

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Mayor Jerry P. Dyer



WHEREAS, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture in 1872 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, when pioneers noted the lack of trees and their great need for shade, building materials and for windbreaks. This first Arbor Day built on earlier arbor festivals dating to the 16th Century, when the Spanish village of Mondoñedo held the first known tree-planting festival; and

WHEREAS, first proclaimed by Nebraska's governor in 1874, by 1920 Arbor Day had spread to more than 45 U.S. states and territories. Today, all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day, an observance that is now recognized throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can combat 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 wildlife habitat; and

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

WHEREAS, in urban areas, trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, provide shade, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, wherever they are planted, trees can be a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, Mayor Jerry Dyer and Members of the Fresno City Council, do hereby proclaim Friday April 28, 2023 to be:

“Arbor Day”

In the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 27th day of April 2023.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

TYLER MAXWELL, Council President

ANNALISA PEREA, Vice President

MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2

MIGUEL ARIAS, Councilmember District 3

LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5

GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6

NELSON ESPARZA, Council District 7