

CITY OF FRESNO

Office of Council Miguel A. Arias

In Honor of Arbor Day and the 40th Anniversary of Tree Fresno

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first established in 1872 by the Nebraska Board of Agriculture to promote the planting and care of trees and to highlight the importance of urban forestry; and trees play a vital role in improving air quality, conserving energy, reducing urban heat, preventing soil erosion, and enhancing the overall beauty, health, and livability of our communities; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as Tree Fresno recognize the importance of continued investment in urban forestry and the positive impact that trees and community organizations have on public health, climate resilience, and overall quality of life, and continue to carry forward this mission locally through community-based tree planting, education, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1985, Tree Fresno began with a successful telethon organized to raise funds for tree planting in celebration of the centennial of the City of Fresno; and, with strong community support, it became a nonprofit corporation in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Tree Fresno has partnered with residents, local organizations, and government agencies, playing a critical role in expanding Fresno's urban canopy by planting more than 53,000 trees throughout the San Joaquin Valley, while working with schools, parks, churches, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno recognizes Tree Fresno, celebrating 40 years of service, for their continued commitment to environmental stewardship, community partnership, and the long-term health and sustainability of the region, as they continue to inspire future generations to care for the environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Fresno City Council and Mayor Jerry P. Dyer, do hereby proclaim April 23rd, 2026, as:

“Tree Fresno & Arbor Day”

In the City of Fresno.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Great Seal of the City of Fresno, California, on the 23rd day of April 2026.

JERRY P. DYER, Honorable Mayor

MIGUEL A. ARIAS, Councilmember, District 3

NELSON ESPARZA, Council President, District 7

TYLER MAXWELL, Council Vice President, District 4

ANNALISA PEREA, Councilmember, District 1

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