

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal

From: Keith G. Jones

Dept.: City Manager

Dept.: Public Works

Subject: PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY

Date: March 09, 2010

OBJECTIVE

For City Council to proclaim Sunday, March 7, 2010, as Arbor Day in the City of Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove has a tradition to join various community volunteer groups in tree planting events on Arbor Day or during Arbor Week. The City's Public Works Department utilizes Arbor Day to educate and inform residents about the benefits of trees and to encourage tree planting and stewardship. For the past 16 years Garden Grove has earned the status of a "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its efficient tree management program. An Arbor Day observance and Proclamation are requirements that must be met to receive the annual "Tree City USA" recertification.

DISCUSSION

This year, Arbor Day is being observed March 7 through March 14, 2010, at various locations in Garden Grove. On March 10, 2010, Brookhurst Elementary School will participate in an official tree-planting event along with Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association, Living Springs Christian Fellowship, the Malabar Apartments and the Moose Lodge.

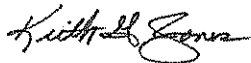
FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds have been budgeted and allocated for this project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Proclaim Sunday, March 7, 2010, as Arbor Day in the City of Garden Grove.




KEITH G. JONES  
Director of Public Works



By: Kirk Tietjen  
Public Works Supervisor

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal  
City Manager

# Arbor Day Proclamation

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set 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 Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and  
Whereas, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling cost, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce 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, and  
Whereas, Garden Grove has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practice

NOW, THEREFORE, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Mayor of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby proclaim March 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> as

## Arbor Day

in the City of Garden Grove, and 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.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_