City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Matthew J. Fertal

From:

William E. Murray

Dept.:

City Manager

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Public Works

Subject:

PROCLAMATION - ARBOR DAY

Date:

March 27, 2012

OBJECTIVE

For City Council to proclaim Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 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 17 years Garden Grove has earned the status of "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 April 9 through April 13, 2012. On April 11, 2012, the Central Garden Grove Neighborhood Association will participate in an official tree-planting event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds have been budgeted and allocated for this project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council proclaim Wednesday, April 11, 2012, as Arbor Day in the City of Garden Grove.

WILLIAM E. MURBAY, P.E

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

By:

Richard Gosselin

Public Works Supervisor

Attachment: Proclamation

Recommended for Approval

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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

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 Whereas,

proclaim April 11, 2012 as NOW, THEREFORE,I,

Arbor Day

, Mayor of the City of Garden Grove, do hereby

in the City of Garden Grove, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands,

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well being of this and future generations.

this Dated

day of

Mayor