



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION DECLARING
APRIL 27, 2018 AS
"ARBOR DAY"**

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this special day, called national "ARBOR DAY", was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, "ARBOR DAY" is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil from wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, 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, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 36th consecutive year and desires to continue its tree-planting practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jim Hill, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby declare Friday, April 27, 2018 as "ARBOR DAY" in the City of Arroyo Grande, and urge all citizens to celebrate "ARBOR DAY", to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our community tree program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 24th day of April 2018.

JIM HILL, MAYOR



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