



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING APRIL 25, 2025 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 holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can be a solution to combating 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 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; they increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and 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 42nd consecutive year and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby recognize and proclaim April 25, 2025 as “ARBOR DAY” in the City of Arroyo Grande, urge all citizens to celebrate “ARBOR DAY,” and to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens are urged to plant a tree to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 8th day of April 2025.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

