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ARBOR MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Governor of Oregon, Tina Kotek, has designated the month of April 2024 as Arbor Month; and

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of the designation of Arbor Month throughout the State is to encourage the planting and care of trees; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, sequester carbon, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, this is the 30th year Cottage Grove has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and the 7th year the City of Cottage Grove has received the Growth Award and desires to continue its tree care and planting and pass on an enduring heritage of vital natural resources to succeeding generations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Candace Solesbee, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove do hereby proclaim the month of April 2024, as

ARBOR MONTH

in the City of Cottage Grove, and I urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, to support our City's urban forestry program, and to participate in one or more events that the sponsors of Arbor Month may provide locally and around the State of Oregon, and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 25th day of March, 2024.



Candace Solesbee, Mayor
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon