

City of Petaluma Proclamation

ARBOR DAY - APRIL 26, 2024

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 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 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, 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 wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma partners with community organizations such as ReLeaf Petaluma to plant more trees, educate our community on the importance of trees, and take stewardship of establishing newly planted trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree planting practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2024, as *Arbor Day* in the City of Petaluma, and urge all residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk