



AGENDA NO: 7.c

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2025

# Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council                      **DATE:** April 3, 2025  
**FROM:** Greg Kwolek, Public Works Director  
            Carlos Mendoza, Public Works Maintenance Division Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Arbor Day Proclamation

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the proposed proclamation in support of Arbor Day and being a Tree City USA community.

## **BACKGROUND/ DISCUSSION**

The Tree City USA program has been around since 1976 and Morro Bay has been a Tree City for twenty-eight (28) years. To achieve a Tree City USA status the City must meet four core standards: maintaining a tree board or department, have a tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and have a City proclamation celebrating Arbor Day.

This proclamation fulfills one of the four core standards to become a Tree City and proclaims Arbor Day in Morro Bay to be Friday, April 25th. The City currently meets the other three standards.

Residents are encouraged to join the City and Morro Bay in Bloom on April 19th from 8:30 am – 11:00 am for a community event. Volunteers will gather at City Park and participate in any of six community projects, including art activities, gardening projects, and tree planting. To learn more about the event or sign up, please visit [morrobayinbloom.org](http://morrobayinbloom.org).

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends the City Council proclaim Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> as Arbor Day in the City of Morro Bay.

## **ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. Proclamation

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