

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MORRO BAY, CALIFORNIA
DECLARING APRIL 25, 2025 AS ARBOR DAY**

**THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Morro Bay, California**

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 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, fuel for our fires, 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

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

WHEREAS, Morro Bay has been recognized for the past twenty-eight (28) years as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Morro Bay City Council does hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Morro Bay, and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and forests and encourage them to continue their planting ways.

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

CARLA WIXOM, MAYOR
City of Morro Bay, California