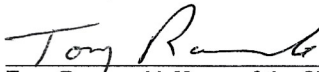


# 2023 PROCLAMATION of ARBOR DAY in the City of Lafayette

- WHEREAS:** In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed "Arbor Day" to recognize the importance of trees in our lives, and
- WHEREAS:** In 1989, Johanna Downie, Lafayette Councilwoman, had the foresight and vision to author Lafayette's Tree Ordinance, to protect Lafayette's street trees, promote planting and education, and
- WHEREAS:** Trees are a necessary component of our healthful existence, and contribute to the quality of life, and enhance the beauty of our community, and
- WHEREAS:** In December of 2015, the United Nations signed the Paris Climate Agreement. The Paris Agreement promotes more trees being planted in the cities of the world as trees help mitigate the effects of climate change, and
- WHEREAS:** This is the 31st year that Lafayette has been recognized as a Tree City USA, and Lafayette is also recognized as a Tree City of the World, and
- WHEREAS:** Trees cool the city, reduce stormwater run-off, reduce noise levels, clean the air, produce oxygen to breathe, and improve physical and mental health, and
- WHEREAS:** Trees in our city increase property values, and enhance the economic vitality of business areas and the community, and
- WHEREAS:** The citizens of the City of Lafayette join the thousands of other Americans by planting trees and celebrating the importance of trees in our lives,
- NOW THEREFORE:** **I, Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 29, 2023 as the observance of:**

## ARBOR DAY in the City of Lafayette

and call upon the people of Lafayette to recognize this important day and to protect and plant trees and forests for the well-being of this and future generations.



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**Tony Roswarski, Mayor of the City of Lafayette**