

**Subject: Arbor Day Proclamation**

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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> May 9, 2022   |   |
| <b>Submitted/Presented by/Department:</b> Dave Schletty/Parks & Recreation Department  |   |
| <b>Action Type</b>   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consent Item  | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing  | <input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion   | <input type="checkbox"/> Report                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Proclamation |
| <b>Action</b>  |   |
| Approve and Proclaim May 14, 2022 as Arbor Day in West St Paul   |   |
| <b>Background</b>  |   |
| <p>The City of West St Paul has been recognized, by the National Arbor Day Foundation and MN DNR, as a Tree City USA for 19 years. To receive this designation Cities must budget a certain percentage for trees and tree care, maintain a Tree Board or equivalent group (Environmental Committee). Additionally, cities must annually hold an Arbor Day Celebration that includes planting a ceremonial tree and making an Arbor Day Proclamation. The Environmental Committee has been instrumental in coordinating these celebrations in past years.</p> <p>In 2020 and 2021, COVID-19 made it impossible to hold the community Arbor Day Celebration. Cities that had fulfilled the requirements in 2019 were able to apply again both years and forego a formal Arbor Day celebration. This year staff has worked with the Environmental Committee to put together a basic celebration which will include a tree planting and reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation. The Committee is recommending the City Council approve the attached resolution and declare May 14, 2021 as Arbor Day, and May as Arbor Month in West St Paul.</p> |   |
| <b>Attachments</b>   |   |
| Resolution   |   |
| <b>Previous Relevant Actions</b>   |   |
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| <b>Financial</b>   |   |
| Budgeted: <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Financial Impact |
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