

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #13-03-062

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 18, 2013 AS “ARBOR DAY” AND THE MONTH OF MAY 2013 AS “ARBOR MONTH”

WHEREAS, trees are an increasingly vital resource in Minnesota today and enrich our lives by purifying air, soil and water; and

WHEREAS, trees help conserve and protect soil from erosive forces, moderate temperatures, reduce stormwater runoff, and provide habitat for life of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, trees provide beautiful recreational settings and promote personal, community and ecosystem health; and

WHEREAS, trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, create jobs through forest products and are a renewable resource; and

WHEREAS, activities such as construction damage, regional and distant source pollution, as well as certain diseases and pests, threaten our trees, creating the need for concerted adaptive and collaborative action by locally planting, nurturing and protecting trees for benefit of citizenry, economy and ecology; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to promote both the planting of trees in the community and the associated benefits of trees by coordinating and sponsoring an Environmental Expo event and a Tree Sale annually; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey has been recognized for the twenty-first (21st) consecutive year (2012), as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota recognizes Arbor Day as the last Friday of April and the month of May as Arbor Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey will host a tree planting event in North Commons on May 18, 2013 in recognition of Arbor Day and Arbor Month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

- 1) That the Ramsey City Council hereby proclaims May 18, 2013 as “Arbor Day”.
- 2) That the Ramsey City Council hereby proclaims the month of May as “Arbor Month”.

- 3) That the Ramsey City Council urges all citizens to plant trees as part of Ramsey's living history, to participate in disease and pest control programs that will ensure an enduring tree canopy, and collaborate with partners and volunteers to develop and implement policies to plant, nurture, protect, and steward our natural diversity.
- 4) That the Ramsey City Council encourages efforts to maintain our historic sites with significant tree species, enhance species diversity to buffer against disease and/or pest outbreaks, promote replanting of native species and strategically locate plantings for energy savings.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 26th day of March, 2013.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk