

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #20-068**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 24, 2020 AS ARBOR DAY AND THE MONTH OF MAY, 2020, 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**, many species of trees and shrubs provide critical, early spring food for pollinators; 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 the benefit of citizenry, economy, and ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey has been recognized for 28 consecutive years (through 2019), as a Tree City USA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the public health concerns regarding COVID-19, the City will not be hosting an Arbor Day observance this year in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Minnesota.

**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 April 24, 2020 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk