

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

RESOLUTION #23-067

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 28, 2023 AS ARBOR DAY AND THE MONTH OF MAY, 2023, AS ARBOR MONTH

WHEREAS, Arbor Day provides an opportunity to celebrate the importance of trees and forests to our economy, culture, history and health; and

WHEREAS, trees are of great value as they aid in providing clean air and water, shade and energy savings, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, wood products, and jobs, while also capturing and storing carbon from the atmosphere, thereby offsetting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, many species of trees and shrubs provide critical, early spring food for pollinators; and

WHEREAS, properly planting and caring for a diverse mix of trees makes our community forests more resilient by minimizing the impacts of diseases, insects, and other stressors, while providing long-term community and environmental benefits; and

WHEREAS, thoughtfully choosing, planting, and caring for a diverse mix of trees now helps support a more resilient community in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey has been recognized for 31 consecutive years (through 2022), as a Tree City USA.

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 28, 2023 as Arbor Day.
- 2) That the Ramsey City Council hereby proclaims the month of May as Arbor Month.
- 3) That the Ramsey City Council encourages 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 enhance species diversity to buffer against disease and/or pest outbreaks, promotes replanting native species and strategically locating 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 11th day of April, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk