

## PROCLAMATION

### A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020, AS ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Commerce, through the dedicated work of the Public Works Department's Tree Division, has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Commerce, California, does hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 21, 2020, as

#### "ARBOR DAY"

in the City of Commerce and we urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands and to support our city's community forestry program; and

FURTHER, all citizens are urged to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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John Soria  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway  
City Clerk