

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Mitch Overton, Director of Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, and Forestry
Alex Nordquest, Forestry Division Manager

SUBJECT: Mayoral Proclamation Celebrating Arbor Day

MEETING DATE: April 21, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Proclaim Friday, April 24th, 2026 as Arbor Day in Bozeman, Montana. Urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and further, urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: A proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day is one requirement for Tree City USA designation through the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree City designation also states minimum requirements for items such as: a city department and/or citizen-led tree board to delegate tree care within a community; municipal ordinance language providing guidelines around planting, maintaining and removing trees in public spaces; providing dedicated budgeting for planting and maintaining green spaces at a minimum of \$2 per capita in a community. The City's Forestry Division exceeds these minimum standards, with dedicated funding from the Tree Maintenance District allowing us to maintain Tree City Status for 32 years in Bozeman.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by City Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: None.

Attachments:

[Proclamation Regarding Arbor Day 2026.docx](#)

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