

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
April 21, 2026	4.a

TO: Mayor Benetti, Council President DiNovo, and City Councilors

FROM: Christine Sylvester, Executive Coordinator

THROUGH: Nichole Rutherford, City Manager

ISSUE: Approval of 2026 Arbor Day Proclamation

SUMMARY:

Arbor Day is a day in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a day. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season per location.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases Council, approve the proclamation establishing April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day within Coos Bay.

BACKGROUND:

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 this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource providing paper, wood for construction, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products. City trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community. Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Budget is part of streets and parks maintenance task.

ATTACHMENT(S):

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