



Agenda Item

Orange City Council

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File #: 26-0098

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Christopher Cash, Public Works Director

1. SUBJECT

Designation of April 25, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Orange

2. SUMMARY

Adoption of Resolution No. 11659 will designate April 25, 2026, as a day to commemorate Arbor Day in the City of Orange.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 11659. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Orange designating April 25, 2026, as Arbor Day.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life.

Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

The City of Orange has celebrated Arbor Day for more than 30 years and has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for 37 consecutive years. To maintain this designation, the city must observe Arbor Day annually.

Arbor Day provides an opportunity for community-wide appreciation of trees. City-sponsored Arbor Day events engage the community in learning and neighborhood beautification through tree planting. These events foster a connection with nature and encourage a lasting sense of responsibility for the City's green infrastructure. Direct participation in Arbor Day strengthens community ties and instills a sense of ownership and care for trees, which may be especially important for younger volunteers who may not yet have developed an appreciation for trees.

The upcoming Arbor Day observance and community planting event will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Volunteers will plant seven 15-gallon Brisbane box trees and seven 15-gallon Quercus Tomentella trees in the right-of-way at 1300 E Almond, on the east side of Palmyra Elementary School. Staff coordinated with and invited Palmyra Elementary School to participate in the event.

West Coast Arborists donated the trees for this event. Participation in Arbor Day is essential for the city's annual certification as a Tree City USA.

7. ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution No. 11659
- Arbor Day Planting Map