IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

APRIL 26, 2024

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. THIS SPECIAL DAY, CALLED ARBOR DAY, IS NOW OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE NATION AND THE WORLD WITH THE PLANTING OF MORE THAN A MILLION TREES; AND

WHEREAS.

TREES PLANTED WITHIN THE CITY ARE ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE AND HELP REDUCE THE EROSION OF OUR PRECIOUS TOPSOIL FROM WIND AND WATER, CUT HEATING AND COOLING COSTS, MODERATE THE TEMPERATURE, CLEAN THE AIR, PRODUCE LIFE-GIVING OXYGEN, AND PROVIDE A HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE; AND

WHEREAS,

TREES PLANTED WITHIN THE CITY ARE ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, ASSIST IN THE CITY'S BEAUTIFICATION, INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES, BEAUTIFY OUR PARKS AND COMMUNITIES AND COUNTLESS OTHER RECYCLABLE PRODUCTS, THUS AVOIDING THE WASTEFUL CONSUMPTION OF MATERIAL RESOURCES; AND

WHEREAS,

ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024, AT 9:00 AM, THE PUBLIC WORKS URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION WILL PLANT AN OAK TREE AT MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATED AT 6501 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD AS PARTICIPANTS IN THE FLORIDA NURSERY AND LANDSCAPE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM (FNGLA). THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF HORTICULTURE AND ALLOWS STUDENTS TO DEVELOP SKILLS THAT WILL ALLOW THEM TO WORK IN INDUSTRIES LIKE LANDSCAPING, IRRIGATION AND HORTICULTURE, THUS GIVING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO EARN AN INCOME WHILE LEARNING; AND

WHEREAS,

THE PROGRAM IS RUN BY VINCENT NORMAN, AN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE TEACHER AT MCARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL, AND A RECIPIENT OF THE DUPONT PIONEER EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE EDUCATION AWARD, AS WELL AS THE P3 ECO-CHALLENGE AWARD. HIS LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE EMPOWERS THE STUDENTS TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE GREENHOUSE AND GARDENS BY MONITORING, TRACKING AND MANAGING AS IF IT WERE THEIR OWN PROPERTY; AND

WHEREAS,

FOR OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA BY THE NATIONAL ARBOR FOUNDATION. THE CITY WISHES TO CONTINUE ITS TREE-PLANTING TRADITION AND PROMOTE THE CARE OF TREES AS A VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE AND CALLS UPON ALL CITIZENS TO SUPPORT THE CARE OF OUR TREES AND WOODLANDS, SUPPORT OUR CITY'S COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM, AND PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS; NOW

THEREFORE,

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024, AS:

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

SIGNED THIS 17TH DAY OF APRIL 2024 AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
COMMISSIONER IDELMA QUINTANA