

WHEREAS, first observed in 1872, Arbor Day is a special day set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has a long-standing history of being environmentally friendly with “green” programs, awards, and certifications; and

WHEREAS, such “green” efforts are key to ensuring the sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, through the City’s Vision 2030 process, sustainability and the environment continue to be highlighted as priorities by our community; and

WHEREAS, it is a proven benefit that trees sequester carbon dioxide, which serves to reduce the City’s carbon footprint; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of 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 in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation every year since 1989; and

WHEREAS, it is the City’s intention to continue promoting the benefits of trees; and

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that this year the City celebrates this tradition with the faculty and students of Monarch High School through a tree planting ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida hereby proclaims April 27, 2023, as

“ARBOR DAY 2023”

in the City of Coconut Creek and urges all residents to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our City’s urban forestry program, and to plant and maintain trees to promote the well-being of present and future generations.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF, we have hereunto
set our hands and caused the seal of
the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed
this 27th day of April 2023.**