

**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**, 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 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 the City shares this tradition with the students and faculty of Coconut Creek Elementary School through a tree planting ceremony on the grounds of Coconut Creek Elementary School.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida hereby proclaims April 27, 2017, as

***“ARBOR DAY 2017”***

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 13th day of April 2017.**