

WHEREAS, first observed in 1872, Arbor Day is a special day set aside for the planting, care, and celebration of trees, recognizing their vital role in healthy and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship through innovative programs, awards, and resilient practices that enhance quality of life; and

WHEREAS, resiliency and environmental responsibility continue to be identified as key community priorities through the City's Vision 2030 process; and

WHEREAS, trees provide significant environmental benefits by improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff, moderating temperatures, sequestering carbon, and supporting wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees strengthen neighborhoods by increasing property values, enhancing business districts, and contributing to the natural beauty that defines Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Arbor Day Foundation's **Tree City USA** program recognizes communities that demonstrate a sustained commitment to urban forestry through strong policies, dedicated resources, and public engagement; and

WHEREAS, to earn and maintain Tree City USA designation, a city must uphold nationally-recognized standards, including maintaining a tree board or forestry program, enforcing a community tree ordinance, investing in urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek has proudly met these standards and has been recognized as a **Tree City USA** community every year since 1989, reflecting decades of thoughtful stewardship of its urban tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the City remains committed to protecting, planting, and maintaining trees as critical infrastructure that supports environmental health and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the City proudly celebrates Arbor Day 2026 with a ceremonial tree planting at Sunshine Drive Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, hereby proclaims April 23, 2026, as

“ARBOR DAY 2026”

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 23rd day of April 2026.**