City of Tulare, California **Proclamation**



Arbor Day

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; and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious 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 are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

Whereas, the City of Tulare has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its "tree planting ways."

Now, therefore, I, Dennis A. Mederos, Mayor of the City of Tulare, on behalf of the Tulare City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 22, 2022**, as "Arbor Day" in this community, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees, to support our city's community forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2022

Dennis A. Mederas, Mayor