



Proclamation

Tree City USA – 2016 and 2017

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 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, and beautify our community, and wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and,

WHEREAS, a national Arbor Day Foundation program, Tree City USA, recognizes U. S. towns and cities which develop comprehensive urban forestry programs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Atascadero has been recognized for twenty-seven years as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and continues its tree-planting and preservation practices; and,

WHEREAS, Atascadero observes Arbor Day each year and celebrates Earth Day each April in recognition of the importance of native trees in the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Atascadero Land Preservation Society provides educational and awareness programs for the community on the importance of continued regeneration and care of our native forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the City Council of the City of Atascadero, do hereby proclaim the City of Atascadero as "TREE CITY USA 2016" and "TREE CITY USA 2017", and hereby urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and participate in the educational activities planned by the Atascadero Land Preservation Society Native Tree Committee.

**WITNESS THE OFFICIAL SEAL
THE CITY OF ATASCADERO:**



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City of Atascadero, California
June 13, 2017

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