



PROCLAMATION

**ARBOR DAY**

APRIL 28, 2017

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day Observances are held in California and in the City of Santa Barbara throughout the months of March and April; and*

*WHEREAS, National Arbor Day is observed the last Friday of April; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has been designated a "Tree City USA" for 37 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara is proud of its more than 100 years of horticultural heritage and the health and diversity of its urban forest; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara maintains over 60,000 open space, park, and street trees and recognizes the importance of professional tree care and annual tree planting programs to sustain a livable community; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara Beautiful contributes to the health of the City's urban forest through support for the street tree planting program; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara Beautiful collaborate with local schools to plant trees in observance of Arbor Day;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby acknowledge and proclaim Friday, April 28, 2017, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Santa Barbara and recognize the value that trees provide in enhancing the quality of our lives and the beauty of our City.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.*

  
MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER