

Proclamation

ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, on Arbor Day, we join thousands of communities across the nation and around the world to celebrate trees and promote the planting and preservation of trees, and

WHEREAS, in an era where cities and towns are facing increasing challenges related to air quality, public health, and climate change, nurturing urban forests has never been more important, and

WHEREAS, trees are critical infrastructure that mitigate climate pollution by sequestering carbon emissions and build resilience to the impacts of climate change by moderating the urban heat island effect and reducing stormwater runoff, flooding and the erosion of topsoil, and

WHEREAS, trees clean the air and water, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees in our community increase property values and lower heating and cooling costs, boost the economic vitality of commercial areas, and enhance Carrboro's beauty and livability, and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, the importance of trees is highlighted in the Town's Community Climate Action Plan and Comprehensive Plan, which include strategies to identify urban heat islands to determine where tree planting programs can be strategically located to reduce extreme temperatures and commit the Town to take steps to enhance Carrboro's tree canopy, and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 40 years by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and

WHEREAS, as the Arbor Day Foundation's Chief Executive, Dan Lambe, wrote in a letter congratulating the Town on successfully achieving 2024 Tree City USA Status: "Cities that take care of their trees, take care of their people."

In this spirit, the Town will join other communities in celebrating the national observance of Arbor Day by planting a tree at Wilson Park; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 25, 2025, to be Arbor Day in Carrboro.

This the 15th day of April 2025.


Barbara M. Foushee

