

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day to 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,

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and,

**WHEREAS**, trees provide solutions towards combatting damage to our environment by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing 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,

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, and the entire City Council do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, as**

# Arbor Day

in the City of Palm Desert, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands. Additionally, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote well-being today, and for all future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.