

# 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, which is known today as Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS,** the first Arbor Day was observed by the planting more than a million trees and is now observed throughout the nation and worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lodi has been officially recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA for the 21st consecutive year; and

**WHEREAS,** trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil, lower heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air and water, produce oxygen, and provide aesthetic and habitat value; and

**WHEREAS,** Tree Lodi has been a long-time committed partner to the City of Lodi in its advocacy for Lodi's urban forest through education, stewardship and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Lodi celebrates and congratulates Tree Lodi for 23 years of dedicated service; and

**WHEREAS,** on Saturday, April 4, 2026, starting at 9:00am, Lodi will be celebrating Arbor Day at Legion Park. This year's celebration will be facilitated by City of Lodi staff and Tree Lodi, with support from local partners including Lodi Arts Commission, Lodi Unified School District, West Coast Arborists, A&W, Hollywood Café, Cal Fire, Kona Ice, Omega Nu Lodi, Blue Shield Ca, CSU Stanislaus, Master Gardeners, Girl Scouts USA, Boy Scouts of America, Humanitarian Club, and RJQ Landscape & Design.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ramon Yopez, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 4, 2026, as Arbor Day in the City of Lodi. Residents are encouraged to join and to support efforts throughout the year to protect our trees and woodlands for the enjoyment and well-being of this and future generations.

**SIGNED** on this 1st day of April, 2026.