

City of Falls Church

Meeting Date: 4-12-10	Title: Proclamation Declaring April 17, 2010 as Arbor Day	Agenda No.: 5. (3)
Proposed Motion: n/a		
Originating Dept. Head: Kathleen C. Buschow, City Clerk 703.248.5014	Disposition by Council:	
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church is known for the beauty of its trees and plantings;
and

WHEREAS, trees release oxygen into our atmosphere while reducing carbon dioxide, provide habitat for wildlife, reduce the erosion of soil by the wind and water, filter pollutants before they reach our waterways and reduce heating and cooling cost by moderating temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church has been designated as a "Tree City, USA;" for 32 consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, in 1892, the first observance of Arbor Day in the Commonwealth of Virginia took place in Falls Church at the old Jefferson School, as organized by the Village Improvement Society (predecessor of the present Village Preservation and Improvement Society); and

WHEREAS, each April since 1974 Falls Church has held a city-wide celebration of Arbor Day, during which elementary school children take part in appropriate programs and the planting of trees on school grounds, and citizens plant trees and otherwise join the observance, including an afternoon program at a Frady Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBIN S. GARDNER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2010 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Falls Church and urge all citizens to join in the celebration of that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City to be affixed this 12th day of April 2010.

Robin S. Gardner, Mayor