

## *City of Falls Church*

Meeting Date:  04-11-11	Title: Proclamation Declaring April 16, 2011 as Arbor Day	Agenda No.:  6 (a)
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 33 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 planting trees on school grounds, and citizens plant trees and otherwise join the observance, including an afternoon program at a Frady Park; and

WHEREAS, the Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron Tulipifera*) has been selected as the 2011 “Tree of the Year” by the Falls Church Tree Commission and the Falls Church Department of Environmental Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NADER BAROUKH, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2011 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 11th day of April 2011.

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Nader Baroukh, Mayor