

1 [Arbor Week - March 11, 2018, through March 18, 2018]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 11, 2018, through March 18, 2018, as Arbor Week in the**  
4 **City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco will celebrate Arbor Week 2018 from March 11, 2018,  
7 through March 17, 2018; and

8 WHEREAS, Arbor Week in San Francisco celebrates the importance of care and  
9 maintenance of the urban forest and educates residents on how to keep trees strong, healthy  
10 and beautiful; and

11 WHEREAS, Trees are our living green infrastructure and serve as the lungs of the City,  
12 producing oxygen, cleaning the air, sequestering carbon and helping manage storm water;  
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14 WHEREAS, Community volunteers, San Francisco Public Works and other City  
15 employees come together during Arbor Week to plant and maintain trees to green the diverse  
16 neighborhoods in San Francisco; and

17 WHEREAS, Each year San Francisco Public Works plants a signature tree dedicated  
18 to a community, cultural or civic leader; and

19 WHEREAS, This year's signature tree in San Francisco will be dedicated to our late  
20 mayor, friend and tree advocate, Edwin Mah Lee, whose unexpected death on December 12,  
21 2017, was mourned by not only the San Francisco community, but across the nation and the  
22 world; and

23 WHEREAS; Mayor Lee worked tirelessly to champion civil rights, San Francisco's  
24 standing as a Sanctuary City and to make San Francisco a better place by bringing thousands  
25 of jobs, increased housing and new ideas to light over his six-year tenure; and

1           WHEREAS, The 2018 signature tree is a Japanese maple, whose leaves turn a bright  
2 red, yellow and orange and are often viewed as a symbol of beauty and grace; and

3           WHEREAS, The signature tree, which will be planted in Chinatown in April 2018, will  
4 serve as a living tribute to Mayor Lee for generations to come; and

5           WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works, in collaboration with other City departments,  
6 will host San Francisco Arbor Week activities that include community tree plantings and public  
7 education; and

8           WHEREAS, In celebration of Arbor Week 2018, a free family-fun Eco Fair with planter  
9 building, a herd of friendly goats, face painting, carnival games and bucket truck rides will be  
10 held at Washington High School, 600 - 32nd Avenue, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday  
11 March 17; and

12           WHEREAS, In conjunction with the Eco Fair, Arbor Day Community Clean Team  
13 volunteers and Friends of the Urban Forest will plant approximately 200 trees; and

14           WHEREAS, Planting and caring for trees contributes to a sustainable environment for  
15 future generations and makes our great city more livable; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim  
17 March 11, 2018, through March 17, 2018, as “Arbor Week 2018” in the City and County of  
18 San Francisco.

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