

1 [Arbor Day 2016 - March 19, 2016]

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3 **Resolution declaring March 19, 2016, as Arbor Day 2016 in the City and County of San**  
4 **Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton successfully proposed the first tree-planting  
7 holiday to be called “Arbor Day” to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture; and

8 WHEREAS, This holiday, now spread throughout the United States and observed in  
9 many countries around the world, was first commemorated with the planting of more than one  
10 million trees in Nebraska; and

11 WHEREAS, Arbor Day in San Francisco celebrates the importance of care and  
12 maintenance of the urban forest, and educates residents on how to keep trees strong,  
13 healthy, and beautiful; and

14 WHEREAS, Trees are our living green infrastructure and serve as the lungs of the City,  
15 producing oxygen, cleaning the air, sequestering carbon, and helping manage storm water;  
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17 WHEREAS, Each year for Arbor Day, San Francisco Public Works plants signature  
18 trees dedicated to community leaders and advocates - past honorees include the iconic  
19 Brown twins, Nelson Mandela, Sandra Cuadra, Wangari Maathai, Charlie Starbuck, Rosa  
20 Parks, Cesar Chavez, Ruth Asawa, Dr. Ellen Wolf, and Dana Woldow; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2016 Public Works recognized two community activists with signature  
22 tree plantings: Irene Crescio from the Portola, and Dr. Espanola Jackson from the Bayview-  
23 Hunters Point community; and

24 WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works, the Department of the Environment, the  
25 Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Housing Authority, Friends of the Urban

1 Forest and the San Francisco Parks Trust have worked collaboratively to host San Francisco  
2 Arbor Day activities that include community tree plantings and public education; and

3 WHEREAS, In celebration of Arbor Day 2016, a free family fun Eco Fair with planter  
4 building, goats, face painting, carnival games and bucket truck rides will be held at Francisco  
5 Middle School, 2190 Powell Street, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Saturday, March 19; and

6 WHEREAS, In conjunction with the Eco Fair, Arbor Day Community Clean Team  
7 volunteers will plant nearly three dozen trees; and

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

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby declare March  
11 19, 2016, as “Arbor Day 2016” in the City and County of San Francisco.

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