

**CITY OF FERNDALE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

FROM: Byron A. Photiades, DPW Director

SUBJECT: Arbor Day Proclamation

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

Arbor Day was observed May 1, 2008. The Beautification Advisory Commission along with fourth and fifth graders from Coolidge Intermediate School planted one Katsura and one Ivory Silk at the newly dedicated City of Ferndale Arbor Day Forest. A section of Oppenheim Park just north of the playground was chosen for the plantings and to serve as a public education site for the importance of trees in our community.

If adopted by Council, the attached Proclamation would signify the City of Ferndale's continual commitment to tree diversity and canopy restoration, and the City would receive a Tree City USA designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

This was the sixth year the City has celebrated Arbor Day.

Attachments: Proclamation

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: August 11, 2008

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

FINANCE DIRECTOR REVIEW: N/A

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COMMENTS:

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by , seconded by , to adopt the Proclamation proclaiming May 1, 2008, as Arbor Day in the City of Ferndale.

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PROCLAMATION

Moved by _____, seconded by Councilmember

_____ to adopt the following:

The Ferndale Beautification Advisory Commission enlisted the active support of the City, schools, churches, community and civic organizations, business community and individuals to make personal commitments and sacrifices to protect our environment and preserve our heritage of natural beauty; and

The City of Ferndale recognizes the importance of trees and, it is to the advantage of all of us that our natural resources be preserved and enlarged by planting trees throughout the City, adding to the natural attractiveness of the City; and

We intend to demonstrate our responsibility to this commitment through active participation in a citywide Arbor Day observance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the City Council of the City of Ferndale do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 1, 2008 as ARBOR DAY IN FERNDALE, and urge all citizens to support the Ferndale Beautification Advisory Commission by planting trees so they will be a constant reminder of the priceless gift which we must preserve for this and ensuing generations.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

MOTION CARRIED

I, J. Cherilynn Tallman, Clerk of the City of Ferndale, certify that this is a true and compared copy of a Proclamation duly passed by the Ferndale City Council at a meeting held August 11, 2008.

J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk