



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1909, the State of California officially declared Luther Burbank's birthday, March 7, as "Arbor Day," the special date set aside for the planting of trees, which in current times the State has extended to the week of March 7 through March 14; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, as a service to our community, the City of Santa Rosa will celebrate Arbor Day and the late Luther Burbank's birthday with a community tree-planting party at Northwest Community Park on Saturday March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, to plant native oak trees; and

WHEREAS, trees protect our environmental resources; they reduce erosion of topsoil, provide shade, which helps save energy costs for air conditioning, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are a renewable resource, giving us paper, construction materials, fuel, and countless other products; and

WHEREAS, trees support our city's economic development; they beautify our community, enhance the vitality of business areas, provide a sense of identity in our neighborhoods, and increase property values; and

WHEREAS, the strengthening of community image and sense of place through the dedication to the preservation of Santa Rosa's urban forest has been a major goal and commitment since the City's founding; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa has been recognized as a "Tree City USA" by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Scott P. Bartley, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa do hereby proclaim, March 7 - 14, 2013

Arbor Week

in the City of Santa Rosa and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect trees, and to support our urban forest by planting and caring for trees.



Mayor Scott P. Bartley
March 05, 2013