



Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, a special day was set aside for the planting of trees; and this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees. Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. Since 1909 the State of California officially declared March 7 “Arbor Day” to commemorate the birthday of our very own Luther Burbank; and

WHEREAS, in 2026, National Arbor Day falls on Friday, April 24th, and the city celebrates Arbor Day on Saturday, March 14th with a tree planting event at Finley Community Park, as a service to our community and local school programs; and

WHEREAS, trees protect our environmental resources, reduce erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees support our city’s economic development by increasing property values, beautifying our community, and enhancing the vitality of business areas; and

WHEREAS, the interest in strengthening community image and sense of place through the preservation of, and dedication to, Santa Rosa’s urban forest has been a major goal and commitment since the City’s founding. Santa Rosa has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for over 40 years and desires to continue its tree-planting ways; and

WHEREAS, Trees are Terrific ... In All Shapes and Sizes!

NOW, THEREFORE, MAY IT BE RESOLVED, that I, Mark Stapp, Mayor of the city of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, in recognition of our community, do hereby proclaim March 8 - March 14, 2026

ARBOR WEEK



Mayor Mark Stapp
March 10, 2026