



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

ARBOR DAY 2016
April 29, 2016

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 with the planting of more than one million trees in the state of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Washington, the “Evergreen State,” has celebrated Arbor Day since 1917; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and world; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland has been designated as Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, trees clean the air and water; produce oxygen; reduce storm water runoff; cut heating and cooling costs; moderate the temperature; reduce erosion and compaction of our precious topsoil from water and wind; beautify our neighborhoods; reduce stress; and provide food and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees help build community, and unify and beautify neighborhoods; and wherever they are planted, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Finn, Mayor of Woodland, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **ARBOR MONTH** and April 29th, as “**ARBOR DAY 2016**” in the City of Woodland, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and natural areas, for the well-being of present and future generations.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2016.

CITY OF WOODLAND

William A. Finn, Mayor