




MEMORANDUM

Date: April 11, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Commissioners

Via: Albert P. Childress 
City Manager

From: Katie Halloran, Planning Director

Subject: **24-5724 Arbor Day Proclamation**

Introduction

As part of the requirement for continued membership in the Arbor Day Foundation Tree USA program, an Arbor Day proclamation must be presented by the municipality.

Background

In 1976, the Arbor Day Foundation created a program called Tree City USA in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and State Foresters with a vision to create a greener, healthier America. The Tree City USA program recognizes and celebrates communities committed to planting, maintaining, and managing their tree resources.

Cities must meet four standards in order to receive annual Tree City recognition; maintain a tree board or department, have a community tree ordinance, spend at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrate Arbor Day with an observance and proclamation. The City of Key West has been a member of the Tree City USA program for 12 years.

Procurement

There are no direct costs associated with the proclamation.

Recommendation

The City Manager's Office recommends the Mayor and Commission present the Arbor Day Proclamation in order to allow for possible application and inclusion in the 2024 Tree USA program.