



PROCLAMATION

- Whereas, Arbor Day is nationally recognized on the last Friday in April and is observed throughout the nation and world and is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care; and
- Whereas, the City of Key West Tree Commission was established in 1971 by State legislation recognizing that trees on public and private property are economic and aesthetic assets to the citizens of the city; and
- Whereas, the City of Key West has been a member of Tree City USA for 5 years; and
- Whereas, native trees conserve water and provide forage and shelter for wildlife and also improve the health and beauty of the community; and
- Whereas, the philosophy of right tree, right place helps to ensure a future canopy of healthy trees; and
- Whereas, the Tree Commission, the Urban Forester and the Community Services Department are responsible for the planting of trees along the sidewalks and parks of the City; and
- Whereas, the Trophia Foundation promotes the planting of trees and shrubs to encourage the usage by birds and butterflies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Craig Cates, do hereby proclaim April 29, 2017 as

ARBOR DAY

In the "Southernmost City of the Continental United States." And I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree in their yard and to support efforts to protect our existing trees.

WITNESS our hand and seal of the City of Key West, Florida, this 4th day of April, 2017.

Craig Cates, Mayor