

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

To:	Matthew J. Fertal	From:	Keith G. Jones
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.:	Public Works
Subject:	PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY	Date:	February 10, 2009

OBJECTIVE

For City Council to proclaim Saturday, March 7, 2009, as Arbor Day in the City of Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

The City of Garden Grove has a tradition to join various community volunteer groups in tree planting events on Arbor Day or during Arbor Week. The City's Public Works Department utilizes Arbor Day to educate and inform residents about the benefits of trees and to encourage tree planting and stewardship. For the past 15 years Garden Grove has earned the status of a "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation for its efficient tree management program. An Arbor Day observance and Proclamation are requirements that must be met to receive the annual "Tree City USA" recertification.

DISCUSSION

This year, Arbor Day is being observed March 7 through March 14, 2009, at various locations in Garden Grove. On March 11, 2009, Patton Elementary School will participate in an official tree planting event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funds have been budgeted and allocated for this project.

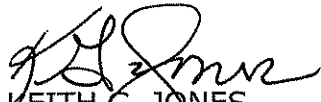
COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

This project will ensure that Garden Grove is an aesthetically pleasing place to live, as outlined in the City's Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council:

- Proclaim Wednesday, March 7, 2009, as Arbor Day in the City of Garden Grove.

  
KEITH G. JONES  
Director of Public Works

  
By: Kirk Tietjen  
Public Works Supervisor

**Recommended for Approval**

  
Matthew Fernald  
City Manager