



MEETING DATE: 4/16/07


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COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: MARCH 26, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION AND ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt resolution for National Arbor Day proclamation and annual observance.

BACKGROUND:

The Town annually observes National Arbor Day with a tree planting ceremony. Recognition of National Arbor Day is also a requirement for the "Tree City USA" award. The Town has received the "Tree City U.S.A." award 27 years in a row from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The "Tree City U.S.A." Program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the Department of Forestry. The award is anticipated this year, but delayed due to late application processing.

DISCUSSION:

The Town's commitment to preserve and enhance our urban forest is evidenced by the Town's continued support of the following specific standards: adoption and enforcement of a tree ordinance; a comprehensive Urban Forestry Program; annual observance of Arbor Day; and the existence of the Parks Commission as a legal tree governing body.

PREPARED BY: KEVIN ROHANI 
Interim Director of Parks and Public Works

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Reviewed by: PS Assistant Town Manager AK Town Attorney
Clerk Administrator _____ Finance _____ Community Development

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Los Gatos has a strong commitment to preserving and expanding its urban forest. The community recognizes and supports the functional and aesthetic value of trees.

Arbor Day will be observed in Town this year on Friday, April 27, 2007, on National Arbor Day. Tree planting ceremonies will take place at a new location this year, at Oak Hill Playlot at 12:00 Noon, with musical entertainment performed by the Los Gatos Monte Sereno Pipe and Drum Band. Members of the public are invited to attend the ceremonies.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact. The Parks Program will absorb the cost by utilizing parks maintenance staff to prepare the site and help to plant the trees.

Attachment:

Resolution for "National Arbor Day Proclamation and Annual Observance"

RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
PROCLAIMING NATIONAL ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE**

WHEREAS, The Town of Los Gatos recognizes National Arbor Day, Friday April 27, 2007;

WHEREAS, the Town of Los Gatos observes this national tree recognition day;

WHEREAS, The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service establish community forestry standards;

WHEREAS, the Town has established and observes the four National Arbor Day Foundation standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Los Gatos demonstrates a commitment to an effective, ongoing community forestry program. The Town of Los Gatos renews its commitment to urban forestry efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos held on the 16th day of April, 2007 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA