

SAINT PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

Meeting of January 8, 2009

To: The Honorable James Bennett, Chair, and Members of City Council

Subject: A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his Designee, to declare the Annual Green Thumb Festival, which is held on the last weekend of April, be the day designated for St Petersburg's annual observation of Arbor Day.

Explanation: The Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the US Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters, recognizes towns and cities across America that meet the standards of the Tree City USA program. The City of St Petersburg ("City") has been awarded the Tree City USA designation for 22 years. As part of the standards for the Tree City USA designation, an Arbor Day observation must be observed. A proclamation issued by the Mayor must accompany the observance and declare the observance of Arbor Day in the community. This designation also supports the City being designated a "Green City" through programming to conserve water, plant trees, preserve estuaries and sensitive lands, provide earth-friendly recycling programs and the City's initiative to reduce its carbon footprint.

Recommendation: Administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to declare the Annual Green Thumb Festival, which is held on the last weekend of April, be the day designated for St Petersburg's annual observation of Arbor Day.

Attachment: Resolution

Approvals:


Administration

Resolution No. 2009-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DECLARE THE ANNUAL GREEN THUMB FESTIVAL, WHICH IS HELD ON THE LAST WEEKEND OF APRIL, BE THE DAY DESIGNATED FOR ST. PETERSBURG'S ANNUAL OBSERVATION OF ARBOR DAY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg ("City") wishes to create awareness and appreciation for trees among all the residents of this community; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to be designated TREE CITY USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as part of the standards for the TREE CITY USA designation, an Arbor Day observation must be observed; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the concept of Arbor Day and wishes to enhance its tree resources, through commemorative plantings on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, the City supports being designated a "Green City" through programming to conserve water, plant trees, preserve estuaries and sensitive lands, provide earth-friendly recycling programs and the City's initiative to reduce its carbon footprint.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, the Mayor, or his Designee, is authorized to declare the Annual Green Thumb Festival, which is held on the last weekend of April, the day designated for St Petersburg's annual observation of Arbor Day.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.



City Attorney (Designee)

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