

The City of Richmond Heights

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.: 34 -2016

INTRODUCED BY: Mayor David H. Roche and All Members of Council

A Resolution proclaiming April 29, 2016, as Arbor Day in the City of Richmond Heights and expressing appreciation to the Richmond Heights Garden Club and Richmond Heights Kiwanis Club for their support of Arbor Day.

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forests are an important component of our community’s infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest have been shown to reduce crime, vandalism and domestic violence, as well as vehicular speed, and, therefore, are important components of our community’s safety mission, and

WHEREAS, the shade from trees and the urban forest extend the life of our community’s street surfaces and reduce storm water runoff, and are, therefore, important resources for our community’s service mission, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce the symptoms of ADD and ADHD and improve the concentration of school-aged children, allowing them to perform better in school and make better life choices, therefore serving as valuable assets for our schools and educators who teach our next generation, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce air conditioning and heating costs for residents and, therefore, make our community more livable, saving our residents money, and reducing our need for foreign energy, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest make our neighborhoods more inviting and attractive and cause new homebuyers to want to live in our community and pay more for a home in the City of Richmond Heights, therefore serving as a foundation for our community’s development efforts, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce water pollution, therefore being an integral part of our community’s healthy water supply, and

WHEREAS, trees and the urban forest reduce stress and human mortality from cardiac and lower respiratory illness and, therefore, are influential to our community’s EMS and health mission, and

WHEREAS, appreciation needs to be given to the Richmond Heights Kiwanis and Garden Club for their donation of a tree which will beautify our community and aid in accomplishing the aforementioned missions.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Council of the City of Richmond Heights, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Mayor and this Council proclaim April 29, 2016, as “Arbor Day” in the City of Richmond Heights, Ohio, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for trees and woodlands, to plant trees for the well-being of present and future generations and to attend the Arbor Day event, and hereby proclaim their appreciation to the Richmond Heights Garden Club and Kiwanis Club for their donation of a tree this Arbor Day.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon the signature of the Mayor.

PASSED: _____

David H. Roche, Mayor

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____
Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

Eloise Cotton-Henry, President of Council

(Jonathan) Barry Hurst

Donald O’Toole

Mark Alexander

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