

BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF DONALD, OREGON

In the Matter of Proclaiming of Observation of Arbor Day

PROCLAMATION

This matter came before the Donald City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 14, 2026, to proclaim the City of Donald is recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a member of the Tree City USA program and furthermore to proclaim Arbor Week in Donald commencing Sunday, April 19, 2026 and ending with Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 2026.

- WHEREAS,** in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for planting trees; and
- WHEREAS,** this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and
- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the great state of Oregon, the nation, and the world; and
- WHEREAS,** former Governor Kate Brown of Oregon proclaimed April as Oregon Arbor Month giving a month-long recognition of the vital contribution of trees on our individual and communal well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and
- WHEREAS,** trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** properly sited, selected, and maintained trees in our city make up an urban forest that improves the quality of our air, shades our homes and yards in summer, helps to tame the winds in winter, provides habitat for birds, pollinators, and other animals, and generally lifts the spirits of our residents; and
- WHEREAS,** well-managed forests and woodlands are known to reduce soil erosion, moderate the climate, reduce the perils of flooding, sustain our precious drinking water, shelter abundant wildlife, and provide us with numerous outdoor recreation opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Donald was recognized as a Tree City USA for its sixth consecutive year on January 31, 2026 by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its' tree-planting ways.


Now, Therefore, I, Jim Houdyshell, Mayor of the City of Donald, do hereby proclaim **April 19, 2026 through April 24, 2026 as Arbor Week** in the City of Donald. I urge all of our community members to celebrate Arbor Day and I want to invite you and your families to attend the annual tree planting on Saturday, April 25 at 9 am at the Donald Skate Park.

Further, I urge all of our community members to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

THEREFORE, I have ordered there be placed on this proclamation, the seal of the City of Donald and hereby place my signature on this 14th day of April, 2026.



CITY OF DONALD, OREGON



Mayor Jim Houdyshell