

# PROCLAMATION

## ARBOR WEEK

March 7-14, 2021

**WHEREAS**, trees have played a major role in the history of the City of Fort Bragg; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our neighborhoods and enhance our quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, trees provide homes for wildlife and make our world greener and healthier; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, and provide a habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are our natural wonders and most treasured resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of Arbor Day in 1972, planting trees is now celebrated in all 50 states of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in California, Arbor Week celebrates planting trees and honors the March 7<sup>th</sup> birthday of Luther Burbank; and

**WHEREAS**, planting trees is a gift of kindness and positive action to make the world a better place; and

**WHEREAS**, California Arbor Week is promoted by the Fort Bragg Garden Club who, this year, encouraged submission of photos to their website showing "Distinctive Trees of Fort Bragg," and has encouraged tree planting since the Club was founded in 1955;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bernie Norvell**, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim March 7 – 14, 2021 as Arbor Week in the City of Fort Bragg and urge all citizens to observe and celebrate Arbor Week by planting trees for our own benefit and for the benefit of future generations.

**SIGNED this 22nd day of February 2021**

**BERNIE NORVELL, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

**June Lemos, CMC, City Clerk**

No. 03-2021

