



RESOLUTION # 2023-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI, FLORIDA, RELATING TO RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ARBOR DAY, CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY IN 2023 AND DESIGNATING A REGULAR ANNUAL ARBOR DAY WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST MIAMI; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Arbor Day festivities have been observed since 1872 in cities and communities throughout the United States in recognition of the importance and need of trees; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, President Richard Nixon proclaimed the last Friday in April as National Arbor Day, and all 50 states participate in Arbor Day celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature, in 1945, designated the third Friday in January as the state's Arbor Day in part as late winter is the ideal time for planting native species in the state making Florida's Arbor Day several weeks earlier than the national observance; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Miami recognizes the contributions native tree canopies have to clean air and water, stormwater runoff, energy conservation, providing ecosystem for birds, mammals and other wildlife, beautify community areas and improving public health; and

WHEREAS, The City of West Miami has made restoration of its tree canopy that had been lost after hurricanes of 2017 and recently a no named storm event where 3 grand, older trees were lost in Cooper Park; and

WHEREAS, as a participant in the Tree City USA Program, the City will celebrate Arbor Day within the City on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 with a tree planting event; and

WHEREAS, Starting in 2024, the City of West Miami will annually celebrate Arbor Day with a Proclamation and tree planting a local park or school on the third Friday of February.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of West Miami as follows:

THE ABOVE WHEREAS' ARE ADOPTED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Section 1: The City of West Miami Proclaims that the third Friday of each February beginning February 16, 2024 as Arbor Day in West Miami and encourages its residents to participate in the proper planting of native species of trees each year.

Section 2: The City Commission approves the 2023 celebration of Arbor Day at Cooper Park via Proclamation, hereby enclosed as Exhibit A.

Section 3: The resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

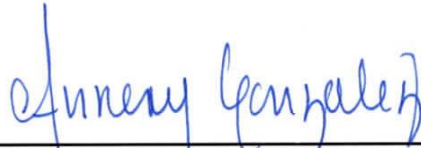
PASSED and **ADOPTED** this 29th day of November, 2023.

APPROVED:



ERIC DIAZ-PADRON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



**ANNERY GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK**

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:



JOSE A. VILLALOBOS, CITY ATTORNEY

ROLL CALL:

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Chavez, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suarez. The vote was as follows:

MAYOR ERIC DIAZ-PADRON
VICE -MAYOR JUAN M. BLANES
COMMISSIONER CANDIDA BLANCA
COMMISSIONER IVAN CHAVEZ, JR.
COMMISSIONER LUCIANO L. SUAREZ

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