

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2009 TREE CITY USA AWARD
Resolution No. 144/2009-10**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen hereby receive the national recognition as Tree City USA for the twenty-fifth year.

TOWN OF CARRBORO

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TOWN OF CARRBORO ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION SLATED FOR Monday, APRIL 19, 2010

On Monday, April 19, 2010, the Town of Carrboro will recognize Arbor Day. It is the twenty-fifth year that Carrboro has earned the national recognition. The celebration will include a presentation by Mayor, Mark Chilton, Students reading Proclamation and History of Arbor Day, a "Poster Contest", presentation of the Tree City USA Flag, the planting of a tree, and the handing out of Arbor Day gifts to the students. The celebration will begin at **9:00 am at Carrboro Elementary School.**

- **Carrboro Elementary School**

Time: 9:00 am

Comments from Mayor Mark Chilton

Presentation of the Tree City USA flag - NC Division of Forest Resources

Poster Contest

Planting of a tree

Distribution of gifts

"We commend Carrboro's elected officials, volunteers and its citizen for providing vital care for its urban forest," said John Rosenow, chief executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees provide numerous environmental, economical and health benefits to millions of people each day, and we applaud communities that make planting and caring for trees a top priority."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.



A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of 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 nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; 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 town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has been recognized as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mark Chilton, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim **April 22, 2010** as "**ARBOR DAY**" in the Town of Carrboro, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

This the 19th day of April 2010.

Mark Chilton, Mayor