



**TEMPLATE: Request a Public Proclamation**

Proclamations are issued by the city and/or county to recognize exceptional events, groups and people. Proclamations recognize and celebrate the extraordinary achievements of residents and non-profit organizations; honor occasions of importance and significance to the residents; and increase public awareness of issues with the hope of improving the well-being of the community.

**You may request a public proclamation recognizing Arbor Day in your community.**

**Submit a letter requesting either:**

- a presentation at a public commission/council meeting, or
- a presentation in person by the Mayor or member of the commission/council at your Arbor Day ceremony.

**Please include:**

Name  
Phone  
Address  
Email Address

Title of Proclamation   **Arbor Day 2017**  
Date of Proclamation  
Time of Proclamation  
Location of Proclamation

**Purpose of Proclamation** - Draft language and background of Texas Arbor Day.

*All across Texas, from towering pines to majestic oaks to scrubby mesquites — the many trees of Texas are beautiful and prominent features of our unique and breathtaking landscape.*

*As Texans, we value our trees and the benefits they provide each of us every day. Benefits like clean air, clear water, improving our health and even saving us money on energy bills.*

*We encourage people in our community to plant trees and celebrate them on the first Friday each November on Texas Arbor Day.*

*Texas first observed Arbor Day in 1889, under the leadership of the Texas Forestry Association.*

*This holiday for trees is an opportunity to teach fundamental lessons about the stewardship of our natural resources and caring for our environment. It is an opportunity to learn what each of us can do to keep our community trees healthy and vibrant. And it is a time we can pause to appreciate trees in our lives.*

*Together, we can create a brighter and more beautiful future for the next generation. They, in turn, can affirm the duty of protecting our natural resources by being responsible stewards of this great land.*

*We respectfully request that November 3, 2017 be proclaimed Texas Arbor Day in our community.*