

Proclamation

Proclamation - Arbor Day 2026

WHEREAS Arbor Day, is observed throughout the Nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, annually, the State of Florida celebrates Arbor Day on the third Friday in January; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Policies and Goals of the Town of Southwest Ranches' Comprehensive Plan, Adopted May 8, 2003, the Town set forth measurable objectives for the protection and enhancement of critical ecological systems integral to South Florida's and the Town's natural environment, including the maintenance and improvement of Air Quality by increasing tree coverage in the Town and by meeting the standards to become recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA," and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Southwest Ranches was recognized as a Tree City USA; and

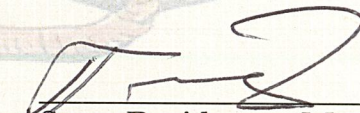
WHEREAS, Southwest Ranches has continued to meet all standards and requirements for continuing designation as Tree City USA, and will be recognized in 2026 for its twentieth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in our Town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches that January 16, 2026 shall be recognized as Arbor Day in the Town of Southwest Ranches. Further the Council urges all citizens to celebrate Southwest Ranches and National Arbor Day, to support efforts to protect our tree resources, and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 11th day of December, 2025


Steve Breitkreuz, Mayor