



*City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado*

# Proclamation

- Whereas,** trees are an important natural resource asset to the City of Grand Junction, State of Colorado, providing cooling shade, filtering air pollution, improving water quality, shielding properties from storms, and providing oxygen for the air we breathe; and
- Whereas,** trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and enhance the beauty of the City of Grand Junction, with various forms, textures; and
- Whereas,** providing residents with a closer connection to nature through an urban tree canopy has been linked to improved mental and physical health, better social cohesion, and crime reduction; and
- Whereas,** all citizens of Grand Junction, now and in the future, will benefit from the planting of trees, and the services provided by our current canopy of over 37,000 public trees as a living component of our City's green infrastructure; and
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction has officially declared the 22nd day of April as Arbor Day and the City will be celebrating with the distributions of tree seedlings, widespread tree planting, and educational opportunities for citizens about the care and benefits of trees; and
- Whereas,** the City of Grand Junction has been recognized as a Tree City USA for forty consecutive years by The National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting ways.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Anna Stout, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2023 as

## *"Arbor Day"*

in the City of Grand Junction and encourage all citizens to support our City's Urban Forestry Program and to participate in this effort by planting a tree for a better future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anna Stout", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

