

# City of Sanibel

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** In 1854 J. Sterling Morton and other pioneers noted a lack of trees in the area now known as Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS:** The holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS:** On Arbor Day, people are encouraged to care for their natural environment by getting their hands in the dirt, plant and/or care for trees, shrubs and plants; and

**WHEREAS:** Trees Sanibel help moderate the temperature, reduce heating and cooling costs, improve air quality by producing oxygen and sequestering carbon, and provide vital habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS:** Trees on Sanibel provide critical protection to our coastal landscapes, enhance the economic well-being of our community, and nurture the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all who experience them; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Sanibel is a leader in protecting our natural environment including our trees; and

**WHEREAS:** The City thus encourages the Sanibel community to support the health and resilience of the Island by planting native trees and plants; and

**WHEREAS:** The City of Sanibel is proud to participate in National Arbor Day and will celebrate Florida Arbor Day on January 16, 2026; and

### INCORPORATED

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Miller, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Sanibel, do hereby declare January 16, 2026, as Arbor Day in the State of Florida, and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day 2026 to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.**

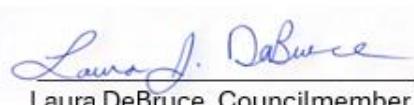
**This 13<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026**

  
Mike Miller

Mike Miller, Mayor

  
Holly D. Smith

Holly D. Smith, Vice Mayor

  
Laura DeBruce

Laura DeBruce, Councilmember

  
John Henshaw

John Henshaw, Councilmember

  
Richard Johnson

Richard Johnson, Councilmember