

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

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 13th day of January 2026


Mike Miller, Mayor


Holly D. Smith, Vice Mayor


Laura DeBruce, Councilmember


John Henshaw, Councilmember


Richard Johnson, Councilmember