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*****MEDIA ALERT*****

CITY OF CHICO CELEBRATES CALIFORNIA ARBOR WEEK

(Chico, CA – March 12, 2021–) The Arbor Day Foundation has once again identified The City of Chico as a Tree City USA recipient. The Tree City USA program is a national program that provides the framework for community forestry management for cities and towns across America, and the City of Chico has been a recipient for 37 years.

Communities achieve Tree City USA status by meeting the following four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry, and celebrating Arbor Day.

To celebrate California Arbor Week, City of Chico elected officials, the Public Works Department Tree Division, along with Butte Environmental Council and other community stakeholders, are hosting a community tree planting event across the City on Saturday, March 13, 2021. Thirty trees will be planted in the public right-of-way and residential front yards in Chico by community volunteers. The new trees will provide shade and beauty to the streetscape, as well as provide opportunities for civic engagement.

The City of Chico has pledged to plant 700 new trees by March 2022. So far, over 500 new trees have been planted in streets and parks throughout the City since 2018.

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