STATE OF FLORIDA
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our planet—its beauty, resources, and biodiversity—depends on responsible stewardship to ensure a high quality of life for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this year's Earth Day theme, *Our Power, Our Planet*, the City of Oakland Park will host a fun and educational after-school experience at Lloyd Estates Elementary School on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM where students will learn about caring for the planet while exploring nature, wildlife, and the importance of environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS, planting trees enriches biodiversity, improves air quality, and strengthens the resilience of our natural spaces, contributing to a healthier environment for all; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, observed on the last Friday of April, highlights the critical role of trees in our ecosystems by providing shade, improving air quality, reducing stormwater runoff, supporting wildlife habitats, and mitigating the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Arbor Day, the City will host its annual *Tree Giveaway* on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at 8:00 AM at Jaco Pastorius Park, offering a variety of native and Florida-friendly tree species to promote sustainable landscaping and environmental responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the City Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Steven R. Arnst to proclaim

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in the City of Oakland Park, Florida, and urges all residents, businesses, and community organizations to take part in activities that promote environmental stewardship, sustainability, and the preservation of our natural surroundings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2026.

By: _____
STEVEN R. ARNST, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK