City of Carroll

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MEMO TO: Gerald L. Clausen, City Manager

FROM: Jack Wardell, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: April 06, 2016

SUBJECT: Memo to City Council

- Tree City USA Award – 26th Year
- Arbor Day Proclamation

Carroll has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. This is the 26th year Carroll has received this recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Carroll has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

Attached to this memorandum is the proclamation observing April 29, 2016 as Arbor Day in Carroll, IA.

2016 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Iowa's trees were a significant attraction to early settlers because of their multiple benefits and the beautiful environment they provided; and

WHEREAS, Trees are an increasingly vital resource in Iowa, enriching our lives by purifying our air and water, helping to conserve our soil and energy, creating jobs through our forest products industries, serving us with shade for our recreation, providing our wildlife with food and shelter, and making our communities a more pleasant place to live and work, and

WHEREAS, With the cooperation of all Iowans, the benefits of trees can be passed on to future generations through tree planting and conservation of this renewable resource, and

WHEREAS, Each year, on Arbor Day - the people of Iowa pay special attention to the benefits of our trees and dedicate themselves to the planting and management of Iowa's forest resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ERIC P. JENSEN, MAYOR OF CARROLL, IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 29, 2016 AS

ARBOR DAY

IN CARROLL, IOWA, AND URGE CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS THAT WILL ENSURE A GREENER CARROLL AND A GREENER IOWA AND TO NURTURE, PROTECT, AND WISELY USE IOWA'S NATURAL WONDER OF TREES.

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Eric P. Jensen, Mayor