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PLACENTIA CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY

PLACENTIA, CA – The City of Placentia celebrated Arbor Day on Thursday, April 28th, by planting five trees at Parque de Los Niños. Placentia City staff and members of LOT318 helped to plant the new trees. West Coast Arborists generously donated the trees, which included two (2) Australian Willows trees, one (1) Jacaranda tree, one (1) Deodar Cedar tree, and one (1) London Plain Sycamore tree.

Placentia was named a 2021 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. This is the City's second Tree City USA designation in its history. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Placentia achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: establishment of a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, commitment of an annual community forestry budget of at least $2 per capita, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Planting and maintaining our City trees demonstrates the City's commitment to our keeping Placentia an attractive place to live and work. On behalf of the City Council, we are honored to have received this award for the second year in a row, which recognizes the City's commitment to tree planting and conservation," said Placentia Mayor Rhonda Shader. "We look forward to building on our Tree City USA recognitions towards a greener community for years to come."

"We were excited to host another great Arbor Day event in Placentia and plant five new trees to celebrate our second Tree City USA designation. Trees are a vital component in reducing heating and cooling costs, producing oxygen, and when properly planted and maintained, they increase property values with visually appealing curbsides," said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. "We hope that these trees will one day provide plenty of shade and be enjoyed by residents for years to come."

The City of Placentia adopted its first Urban Forest Management Program in 2019 and updated the Urban Forest Protection Ordinance to help earn the Tree City USA status. This Ordinance will help protect and grow our urban tree canopy for years to come.

This year's Arbor Day celebration also marks the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, one of the oldest environmental holidays on the calendar. For more information on Arbor Day and Tree City USA, please visit www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA.

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