City of Atascadero
Proclamation

“TREE CITY USA”
2007

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

WHEREAS, A national Arbor Day Foundation program, Tree City USA, recognizes U. S. towns and cities which develop comprehensive urban forestry programs, and

WHEREAS, the City of Atascadero has been recognized for nineteen years as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation and continues its tree-planting and preservation practices, and

WHEREAS, Atascadero observes Arbor Day in March of each year and celebrates the Festival of the Oaks each November in recognition of the importance of native trees in the community, and

WHEREAS, the Atascadero Native Tree Association provides educational and awareness programs for the community on the importance of continued renewal and care of our native forest, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I George Luna, Mayor of the City of Atascadero, do hereby proclaim the City of Atascadero as “TREE CITY USA 2007” and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and participate in the educational activities planned by the Native Tree Association.

WITNESS THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF
THE CITY OF ATASCADERO:

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Dr. George Luna,, Mayor
City of Atascadero, California
March 13, 2007