



# CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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March 15, 1985

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Declaration of "The Year of the Oak"**

**APPROVED**  
BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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CITY CLERK

**SUMMARY**

This report recommends that the City Council, by resolution, join the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in declaring 1985 "The Year of the Oak."

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City of Sacramento has been an honored recipient of the City of the Trees award for the last eight years due to the abundance of over 250,000 diverse, native street trees, amongst which are large, mature oaks. The many valley, blue, and live oaks within the city are as old or older than the 135-year formation of the city itself. Unfortunately, many of the area's oaks are dying, causing the oak to become a disappearing species in metropolitan Sacramento.

In an effort to reverse this loss, the Sacramento Tree Foundation has declared 1985 "The Year of the Oak." The goal of this program is to raise the awareness of the community to the plight of our native oaks and to urge the community to plant these natives wherever possible.

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors recently resolved to support "The Year of the Oak" program. The Board further resolved to dedicate the county to helping to achieve the goal of planting 10,000 oaks in the greater Sacramento area during 1985.

The Sacramento Tree Foundation has requested the city to support this program by likewise declaring 1985 to be "The Year of the Oak." The Foundation further requests that each City Council member plant a native oak in their respective districts to commemorate the program.

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FINANCIAL DATA

No city funds are requested. Nine oak trees are available in the Department of Parks and Community Services, Parks Division Nursery.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council, by resolution, declare 1985 to be "The Year of the Oak."

Respectfully submitted,

*for - [Signature]*  
ROBERT P. THOMAS, Director  
Parks and Community Services

Recommendation Approved:

*[Signature]*  
WALTER J. SLINE  
City Manager

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Attachments

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All Districts

# RESOLUTION NO. 85-222

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

## A RESOLUTION DECLARING 1985 AS "THE YEAR OF THE OAK"

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento has many valley, blue, and live oaks as old or older than the 135-year formation of this city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento was one of the first cities to be incorporated within California; and

WHEREAS, the history, since 1850, describes the beauty and abundance of the Heritage Oaks; and

WHEREAS, Walter Cotone's Diary of 1846-47 describes Sacramento as "a town in the woods, with the native trees still waving over its roofs"; and

WHEREAS, Bayard Taylor wrote in his El Dorado of 1850, "The original forest-trees, standing in all parts of the town (Sacramento City, 1849), give it a very picturesque appearance. Many of the streets are lined with oaks and sycamores, six feet in diameter, and spreading boughs on every side. The emigrants have ruined the finest of them by building campfires at their bases, which in some instances, have burned completely through, leaving a charred and blackened arch for a superb tree to rest upon....The destruction of these trees is to more to be regretted, as the intense heat of the summer days, when the mercury stands at 120 degrees, renders their shade a thing of absolute necessity"; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for community pride, community improvement, and community beautification can be enhanced by the planting of trees. We call upon churches, schools, community organizations, developers, and individuals to aid the City in a community effort of oak reforestation in our urban community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 1985 be called "The Year of the Oak" throughout the City of Sacramento. Be it further resolved that the City of Sacramento dedicates itself to the task of helping to plant 10,000 oaks in the Sacramento metropolitan area during this year of 1985.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

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BY THE CITY COUNCIL

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