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### **City of Hollywood Recognized as Tree City USA**

**HOLLYWOOD, FL** – The City of Hollywood has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the 28<sup>th</sup> year Hollywood has received this national recognition.

"While cities today are talking about instituting "green" initiatives--Hollywood has been promoting green initiatives like this for nearly three decades," said Hollywood Mayor Mara Giuliani.

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

In order to be recognized as a Tree City USA community, the following four standards have to be met: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Trees in our cities and towns help clean the air, conserve soil and water, moderate temperature and bring nature into our daily lives," said John Rosenow, president of The National Arbor Day Foundation. "Tree City USA designation recognizes the work of elected officials, staff and citizens who plant and care for the community forest."

"Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and provide environmental and economical benefits," Arbor Day Foundation President Rosenow added. "A community, and its citizens, that recognize these benefits and provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks."

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