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## Celebrate Arbor Day on May 15

(Anchorage, AK) – The Division of Forestry invites Alaskans to join Arbor Day celebrations throughout Alaska, starting tomorrow and continuing through next week.

Governor Walker has proclaimed Monday, May 15 as Arbor Day, and communities across the state are hosting local events to promote tree planting and community forestry. Trees create healthy cities by reducing air and water pollution, reducing runoff and flooding, absorbing emissions that cause climate change, and supporting retail activity.

For a list of Arbor Day events in Alaska, visit the Division of Forestry Community Forestry Program's website at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/news>.

The national Arbor Day Foundation recently recognized four Alaska communities, three military bases, three utilities and one university for their efforts to protect and enhance community forests.

Anchorage, Sitka, Wasilla, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Fort Wainwright and Eielson Air Force Base have been recertified as Tree City USA. The utilities recertified as Tree Line USA are Chugach Electric Association, Golden Valley Electric Association, and Matanuska Electric Association. The University of Alaska Anchorage was recertified as Tree Campus USA.

The requirements for obtaining these designations from the Arbor Day Foundation are described on the Division of Forestry's website at <http://forestry.alaska.gov/community/treecitylinecampus>.

Join the effort to keep Alaska green by celebrating Arbor Day on May 15.

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