

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 8

By: Muegge of the Senate

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A Concurrent Resolution recognizing Oklahoma Tree City USA communities and an Oklahoma Tree Line USA company; praising their endeavors; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of planting and maintenance of trees to the appearance, public health, and quality of life of Oklahoma and its people, The National Arbor Day Foundation and the Forestry Services of the United States Department of Agriculture have established the prestigious titles of Tree City USA for communities and military bases, and Tree Line USA for utility companies; and

WHEREAS, such recognition as a Tree City USA is accorded only to communities with established departments or boards responsible for the planting and care of trees, including writing and implementing an annual forestry plan, budgeting not less than two dollars per capita annually for tree planting and care, and creating or participating in an Arbor Day Celebration; and

WHEREAS, recognition as a Tree Line USA company is accorded only to those utilities that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forest through quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting and public education; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their dedication to our environment by fulfilling in an outstanding manner all of these requirements in

support of tree planting and maintenance, the following Oklahoma entities have been selected as Tree City USA communities: Ada, Ardmore, Altus Air Force Base, Alva, Bartlesville, Claremore, McAlester, Midwest City, Muskogee, Pauls Valley, Stillwater, Tahlequah, Tinker Air Force Base, Tulsa, and Vance Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Public Service Company of Oklahoma has been selected as a Tree Line USA company for its efforts to promote healthier and more abundant community forests; and

WHEREAS, funding for this recognition is provided through the federal Urban Forestry Education grant program and distributed by the State Department of Agriculture Forestry Services, The National Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Inc. and private sponsors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes Oklahoma Tree City USA communities: Ada, Ardmore, Altus Air Force Base, Alva, Bartlesville, Claremore, McAlester, Midwest City, Muskogee, Pauls Valley, Stillwater, Tahlequah, Tinker Air Force Base, Tulsa, and Vance Air Force Base.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes the Public Service Company of Oklahoma as a Tree Line USA company.

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature praises the endeavors of the Oklahoma Tree City USA communities and the Tree Line USA company.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, Inc.; Public Service Company of Oklahoma; The National Arbor Day Foundation; the State Department of Agriculture Forestry Services; and the Forestry Services of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Adopted by the Senate the 19th day of March, 1997.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
1997.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives