

TO: TOWN COUNCIL  
FROM: TOWN MANAGER   
RE: CONSENT ITEM  
PROCLAMATION 2011 YEAR OF THE TREE IN LOOMIS

**ISSUE**

Pat Miller, a Loomis resident, asks that the Council proclaim 2011 as a year of the tree in Loomis.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve proclamation.

**CEQA**

There are no CEQA issues with making a proclamation.

**MONEY**

There are no costs in making a proclamation other than paper and some brief staff time.

**DISCUSSION**

Pat Miller, a resident of Loomis, has submitted the following information and request to proclaim 2011 as a year of trees in Loomis. The purpose is to join into a worldwide recognition of the importance of trees. This has nothing to do with the Chinese New Year which designated 2011 as the "Year of the Rabbit."

**From:** Pat Miller [mailto:pamiller2@sbcglobal.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 12:37 PM

**To:** Beck, Perry

**Cc:** Wilson, Jean; Thew, Janet; Martinez, Shawna; Knisely, Jennifer; Colvin, Shawn; Beck, Nancy

**Subject:** Proclaiming 2011 the Year of the Trees in Loomis

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

Through a recent column in the Sacramento Bee, it has come to my attention that this year, 2011, has been proclaimed the International Year of Forests by the United Nations. The U.N. has cited many reasons for this including tree's ability to clean the air, collect and store water and snow, releasing it more slowly for crops and drinking, homes for wildlife, economic benefit, indeed the list goes on. California enjoys "some of the most productive and diverse forests, both oak and conifer, in the world. We enjoy magnificent redwoods, towering ponderosa pines and a greater diversity of oaks than anywhere else in the Americas".

"Forests create our watersheds,..places of recreation and renewal, they produce a vast array of timber products and form the foundation of a sustainable rural economy and culture".

Coincidentally, here in Loomis, we have a number of tree projects in the works this year: tree planting events at the Heritage Park site and the downtown park, the development of our new tree preservation ordinance and its public education outreach, possibly a free tree at Earth Day, Homewood's first 100 trees, and the planting of a new permanent Town Christmas Tree.

Therefore, for these reasons, and to acknowledge Loomis' participation in the Greenprint Plan, and the upcoming Arbor day, I am asking if the Loomis Town Council would consider joining the United Nations in honoring the value of the world's forests, as well as the trees and woods in Loomis and naming 2011 the Year of the Trees in Loomis.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc: Shawn Colvin, Sacramento Tree Foundation  
Janet Thew, Loomis Planning Commission  
Jean Wilson, Loomis Planning Commission  
Shawna Martinez, Loomis Parks, Rec, and Open Space Committee  
Jennifer Knisely, Loomis Parks, Rec, and Open Space Committee  
Nancy Beck, Loomis Parks, Rec, and Open Space Committee

## TOWN OF LOOMIS

### PROCLAMATION \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

#### A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS PROCLAIMING 2011 AS THE YEAR OF THE TREE IN LOOMIS

**WHEREAS**, the Loomis General Plan encourages the planting and protection of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrations such as Arbor Day are held yearly for the express purpose to plant trees and educate people on the importance of trees in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of 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 increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Town Council of the Town of Loomis does hereby join into worldwide celebrations and designates the year 2011 as the Year of the Tree in Loomis and urges all citizens to support efforts to protect trees and woodlands.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Loomis on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Town Clerk

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Town Attorney