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TUSTIN AWARDED NATIONAL TREE CITY USA STATUS FOR 19th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

TUSTIN, CA – On Wednesday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m., the City of Tustin will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a Magnolia grandiflora ‘Saint Mary’ tree at Citrus Ranch Park located at 2910 Portola Parkway. In addition to planting the tree, the City will be honored with the national Tree City USA designation for the 19th consecutive year in honor of its commitment to effective urban management. Mayor Puckett will lead the ceremony and special guests will include representatives from the California Department of Forestry as well as students from Pioneer Middle School and Peter’s Canyon Elementary School. The public is welcome to join the festivities.

Tustin budgets over \$630,000 annually to care for the approximately 16,000 trees in Tustin’s urban forest. Additionally, each year approximately 7,200 trees are trimmed and 438 trees are planted in the City.

The prestigious Tree City USA Award recognizes environmental improvement, higher levels of tree care in Tree City USA communities and has four levels of requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and Arbor Day observance.

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