

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM III



CITY OF FRANKLIN, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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PROCLAMATION

Mayor Merrifield read the proclamation into the record:

In the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve.

A Proclamation relating to ARBOR DAY in Franklin, New Hampshire and in the living memory of Ian Burns, son of William and Lynne Burns, who was tragically killed in a skiing accident at the age of 25.

WHEREAS, Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, deliver shade, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for fires, and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, Trees in Franklin increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

WHEREAS, Trees are a source of joy and on August 10, 2012 in celebration of Arbor Day and in remembrance of Ian Burns, a total of 27 Liberty Elm Trees were planted at various locations within the parks of: Trestleview, Keegan, Marceau, Odell, Daniell at the Franklin High School, along Canal Street and at private homes throughout the City, and

WHEREAS, During his brief life Ian Burns, AKA "Johnny Elmseed" planted over 178 Elm Trees in Franklin and then continued this effort nationwide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I Ken Merrifield, Mayor of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim Friday August 10, 2012 as:

ARBOR DAY, IN REMEMBRANCE OF IAN BURNS

And urge all citizens to recognize Ian's achievements, to care for trees and woodlands and to support the City of Franklin, New Hampshire community forestry program. We encourage all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well being of present and future generations and invite our citizens to attend this year's Liberty Elm Tree Dedication to Ian Burns to be held at Odell Park on August 10, 2012 6:00 P.M.

**Proclaimed by: _____
Mayor**

**A true copy, attest: _____
City Clerk**