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CITY OF BROCKTON CELEBRATES 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY

BROCKTON, MA – In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Arbor Day, the City of Brockton is collaborating with Local 144 Firefighters Union and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to plant three cherry blossom trees around the Fire Fighter Memorial at City Hall Plaza. The event will take place on **Friday, April 29th at 1 pm.**

“The planting of trees in Brockton is crucial,” said Mayor Robert Sullivan. “In addition to bringing a sense of beautification, trees are proven to have long-term environmental and personal health benefits. I am grateful to Local 144 for allowing the City and DCR to plant these trees around such a sacred monument in our City.”

“The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is proud to administer the Greening the Gateway Cities Program (GGCP) in the City of Brockton where we have planted over 2,500 trees in the past five years. GGCP is a terrific example of state and local government partnering for the good of the community as planting trees reduces energy use, minimizes flooding from stormwater runoff, and reduces the ‘urban heat island’ effect caused by large areas of open pavement,” said Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper. “We cannot think of a better way to celebrate the 150th Arbor Day than by planting nine more trees at Brockton City Hall.”

“The Fire Fighter Memorial at City Hall Plaza is an important landmark that shows a determination never to forget those who perished in the pursuit to keep Brocktonians safe from harm,” said President of Local 144 Bill Hill. “I am grateful to the Mayor for electing to celebrate Arbor Day by beautifying our Strand Theatre monument with these cherry blossom trees.”

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