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A RESOLUTION

**Expressing Intent to Participate in the Suburban
Tree Consortium Five Year Contractual Program**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston has heretofore joined the cooperative known as the Suburban Tree Consortium; and

WHEREAS, the Suburban Tree Consortium was created to jointly purchase parkway trees on behalf of a number of municipalities in an effort to realize cost savings and insure a reasonable supply and variety of suitable parkway trees; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 67 of ILCS 5/11-73.1-1 entitled "Municipal and Joint Municipal Tree Planting Programs", authorizes municipalities to jointly enter into long term contracts for the purchase and delivery of trees; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the nursery industry and the plant materials desired by the Suburban Tree Consortium, assuring a reasonable number and variety of parkway trees at the best price is possible only with a multi-year commitment on the part of the Consortium Members, so as to allow adequate planning by the Consortium and the Nurseries/Suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the Suburban Tree Consortium member municipalities provide the Nurseries/Suppliers a projection of their parkway tree requirements for the next five years; and

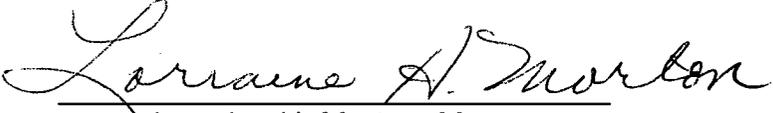
WHEREAS, the Suburban Tree Consortium can realize the necessary number and variety and the best price of such parkway trees only by providing assurance to the tree Nursery/Supplier of the level of interest by the Consortium Members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the City of Evanston does hereby express its intent to remain a member of the Suburban Tree Consortium and to procure parkway trees through the Consortium, subject to sufficient annual budgeting therefor for the five year period.

SECTION 2: That the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Suburban Tree Consortium Secretariat at the West central Municipal Conference Office.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.



Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Adopted: August 12, 2002