

125th Anniversary Model Resolution/Proclamation Guidance for Chapters



The ASLA Government Affairs team has developed the following guidance to assist Chapters in securing a model resolution/proclamation celebrating the 125th Anniversary of ASLA. Resolutions/Proclamations are a great way to bring honor and attention to important issues and unique circumstances (i.e. 125th Anniversaries!). Per the instructions below, ASLA Chapters are highly encouraged to personalize the model language for their state.

Instructions for Chapters:

- Decide if you want the resolution/proclamation to be enacted by your state legislature and/or local governments.
- Please note that the two types of clauses “WHEREAS” and “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” are interchangeable depending upon your state’s preference for structuring a resolution/proclamation, i.e. turning the climate change clause from “Be it Further Resolved” to a “Whereas” clause.
- Personalize the clauses by inserting the name of your State or City in the indicated brackets.
- Personalize the clauses by adding relevant state specific examples or data.
- Insert the name of the state university(ies) program(s) in the indicated bracket.
- Reach out to the appropriate individual (i.e. Governor, state legislator, Mayor’s office, city council, etc...) with your request and provide them with the draft language.
- Once enacted, thank the resolution/proclamation sponsor on social media and tag ASLA National.
- Provide the ASLA Government Affairs team (governmentaffairs@asla.org) with a copy of the final enacted resolution/proclamation.

ASLA 125th ANNIVERSARY MODEL RESOLUTION/PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, landscape architecture is a multifaceted profession that encompasses the analysis, design, planning, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environment, playing a crucial role in shaping the spaces where people live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects design and create community masterplans, walkable neighborhoods, multimodal transportation networks, green stormwater systems, and accessible spaces such as public plazas, parks, schools, residential common areas, playgrounds, and trails that lead to active lifestyles and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Society of Landscape Architects, founded on January 4, 1899, has reached the remarkable milestone of its 125th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the 125th anniversary of the American Society of Landscape Architects is an opportunity to reflect on the profession's transformative impact on public health, safety, and welfare through the thoughtful design, analysis, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments in [STATE], contributing to the overall well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects are STEM professionals, leveraging science, technology, engineering, and mathematics knowledge to address the most pressing challenges facing its communities, fostering innovation, research, and leadership in the field; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, have consistently demonstrated their commitment to public health, safety, and welfare by designing accessible and safe public spaces, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering resilient and sustainable outdoor environments in [INSERT NAME OF STATE]; and

WHEREAS, landscape architects, as licensed professionals, have played an integral role in shaping the economic, social, and cultural fabric of [STATE], contributing to the creation of vibrant and livable communities that enhance the quality of life for all residents.

BE IT RESOLVED, that [INSERT STATE NAME] recognizes the vital role of licensed landscape architects in shaping healthy, equitable, safe, and resilient public and private outdoor spaces, contributing to the overall well-being of its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [INSERT STATE NAME] acknowledges the impact of landscape architects in addressing climate change and biodiversity through innovative and sustainable design practices, creating resilient and green infrastructure to withstand and respond to severe weather events, ultimately reducing the burden on state and local funds for disaster recovery efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [INSERT STATE NAME] celebrates the economic benefits derived from licensed landscape architects, acknowledging their role in creating inviting and safe spaces that contribute to the state's economy, while simultaneously preserving the environment and ecological systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that [INSERT STATE NAME] acknowledges [INSERT UNIVERSITY(IES) NAME(S)] for their accredited landscape architecture programs, nurturing and inspiring students to become the next generation of leaders and innovators in landscape architecture within [INSERT STATE NAME]; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that [INSERT STATE NAME] do hereby proclaim April [INSERT YEAR] as Landscape Architecture Month, honoring the 125th anniversary of the American Society of Landscape Architects and recognizing the enduring contributions of landscape architects to the well-being and prosperity of [INSERT STATE NAME].