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### **Miami Beach has the Perfect Holiday Gift** *-- Give the Gift that Keeps on Growing with a Commemorative Tree --*

**Miami Beach, FL** – Just in time for the holidays, Miami Beach is launching its Commemorative Tree Program, which provides a unique way for residents and visitors to honor a loved one, special event or memory.

“I am delighted to see this program come to fruition,” said Miami Beach Commissioner Joy Malakoff who intends to buy a tree with her husband to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in February. “Through the Commemorative Tree Program, participants can donate a tree that will contribute to the enhancement of the city’s urban forest and increase the overall canopy coverage on Miami Beach. ”

Interested donors can fill out the [request form](#) on the city’s Urban Forestry Website, where they have the ability to choose from a list of 17 tree options, planting locations and costs ranging from \$500 to \$3,000 dependent on size.

Additionally, this program aims to improve tree species diversity, increase the total number of canopy trees planted citywide and provide enhanced environmental benefits, including increased energy conservation, stormwater filtration, air quality improvement, and carbon dioxide removal and storage.

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