

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than one million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed annually in Olympia; and

WHEREAS, trees provide a multitude of environmental benefits such as cleaning the air we breathe, reducing soil erosion, cooling the air, shading our streams, and providing wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource, an identifying characteristic of our Pacific Northwest community; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, planting trees is a source of joy and a living legacy; and

WHEREAS, Olympia, Washington has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 24th year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim March 25, 2017 as

ARBOR DAY

and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and forested areas, and to participate in supporting a healthy community tree canopy.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2017.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*