

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture established a special day, called Arbor Day, to be set aside for the planting of trees, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed annually in Olympia and around the world, and

WHEREAS the urban forest provides a multitude of environmental and public health benefits such as cleaner air and water, battling the effects of climate change, reducing flooding and soil erosion, minimizing the urban heat island effect, improving mental health, and providing habitat for wildlife, and

WHEREAS trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our neighborhoods, and are an identifying characteristic of our Pacific Northwest landscape, and

WHEREAS planting trees brings communities together, connects people to nature, and is a source of joy and hope, and

WHEREAS Olympia, Washington has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 31st year.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim October 5th, 2024 as

ARBOR DAY

And encourages our community to preserve, plant, and care for trees and to participate in supporting a healthy forest canopy for this and future generations.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 17th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Dontae Payne
Mayor