

The City of Everett

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, having settled on the treeless plains of Nebraska Territory, J. Sterling Morton proposed a special day to be set aside for planting trees; and

WHEREAS, the response was significant, and more than a million trees were planted during the first Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, today Arbor Day is observed throughout the world in recognition of the enormous benefits that trees provide; and

WHEREAS, trees produce oxygen and filter pollution while lowering air temperature and releasing moisture into the air; and

WHEREAS, trees prevent erosion and improve water quality, allowing rainfall to percolate into the soil; and

WHEREAS, trees give shelter and food to a variety of wildlife, beautify our community and lift our spirits; and

WHEREAS, Everett has been designated a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ray Stephanson, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2016, as

ARBOR DAY

in the city of Everett and invite community members to join in this year's Arbor Day ceremony on April 13th, at 1:30 p.m. at Forest Park.

Signed this 21st day of March 2016.



Mayor Ray Stephanson

