

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

ARBOR DAY 2021

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be designated for the purpose of planting trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, now called Arbor Day, is observed throughout the nation and the world, and in ninety-three communities throughout Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jay Inslee has proclaimed the month of October as Urban and Community Forestry Month in Washington, because fall is an ideal time to plant trees; and

WHEREAS, our urban forest, consisting of trees in parks, open space areas, downtown, in yards and along streets, contributes to community character, fosters civic pride, provides recreational opportunities, and enhances the economic vitality of business areas, making Edmonds a desirable place to live, work, play and visit; and

WHEREAS, trees lessen the impacts of urbanization, provide wildlife habitat and contribute many community benefits through improved air quality, stormwater mitigation, moderated temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds supports the planting, maintenance and preservation of trees throughout our community as an investment in a healthy and sustainable future for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds, Sound Salmon Solutions stewards and volunteers are planting 200 native trees and shrubs in the Edmonds Marsh Buffer on October 23;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October 23, 2021 as Arbor Day in Edmonds and urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the contributions of our State's greatest natural resource.

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ October 19, 2021