



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## MAYORAL 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 a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS,** The Tree City USA program, sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 93 million Americans call home; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Bellingham has been a “Tree City” for the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees, wherever they are planted, are a resource we can all enjoy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I,** Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Saturday, October 23, 2021 to be

### ARBOR DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees.



Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> of October, 2021

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham