



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

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 19 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, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Saturday, October 22, 2016 to be

ARBOR DAY

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



Signed this 22nd day of September, 2016

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham