

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, trees are a significant part of making any community a truly vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a wonderful opportunity to teach the next generation about the importance of having trees in our communities and healthy forests throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, planning for the right tree in the right place helps trees to grow strong and healthy, and capable of providing benefits for all; and

WHEREAS, trees help conserve energy, absorb carbon dioxide, give off oxygen, and store carbon; keep our air clean to breathe and our water safe to drink; promote physical fitness and improve mental health; mitigate the impacts of climate change and decrease city temperatures on hot summer days; and ease the stresses of city life; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program is working with communities statewide to help local governments, citizen groups, and volunteers plan for, plant, and manage safe, healthy urban forests to benefit the communities in which we live and work in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2017, as

Arbor Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of January, 2017



Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee