

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, we all live downstream and there is much we can do to prevent pollutants from harming fish and wildlife habitat and ruining our streams.
- WHEREAS, we know that non-invasive trees and plants in our urban forest help to filter water, reduce run-off, and cool streams in our cities ten main watersheds.
- WHEREAS, a diversity of trees, in addition to those along our city streets and in our parks and open spaces, provides a viable habitat for wildlife, softens hardscapes, cleans the air, protects water resources, and ensures that everyone can experience natural beauty where we live, work and recreate.
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that its citizens do much to enhance the ecology and livability of their neighborhoods through the planting and stewardship of trees and greenspaces, streams and watersheds.
- WHEREAS, this year, Seattle Schools, City departments, the Student Conservation Association, and Seattle Works are partnering with volunteers from neighborhoods, businesses, and civic organizations on behalf of SPRING CLEAN'98 and Arbor Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Paul Schell, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim April, 1998, to be

ARBOR MONTH