

# Proclamation

*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

## ARBOR MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed throughout the world, in every U.S. state and in ninety-five communities throughout Washington, inspiring people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees; and

WHEREAS, trees in parks, natural areas, in yards and along streets contribute to community character, provide recreational opportunities, foster civic pride and enhance 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, contributing many environmental and human health benefits through carbon sequestration, wildlife habitat enhancement, improved air quality, by mitigating stormwater runoff and climate impacts; and

WHEREAS, because fall is an ideal time to plant trees in the Pacific Northwest, the Citizens' Tree Board is distributing trees in a variety of sizes and species at the Edmonds Farmer's Market on Saturday, October 7; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Board is hosting a Tree Walk Tour lead by instructor Bess Bronstein on Saturday, October 7 to highlight interesting trees within walking distance of downtown Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, the Edmonds Stewards, City of Edmonds, and Sound Salmon Solutions and other volunteers plan to celebrate Arbor Month by planting hundreds of native trees and shrubs at Pine Ridge Park and Edmonds Marsh on Saturday, October 28; and

WHEREAS, by reciting an official Arbor Month proclamation, public officials demonstrate their support in maintaining Edmonds' Tree City USA status;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor, do hereby proclaim October, 2023 as Arbor Month in Edmonds and urge all citizens to plant, maintain, and preserve trees throughout our community as an investment in a healthy and sustainable future for all of us.



Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ September 26, 2023

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