

Office of the Mayor City of Tukwila, Washington **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, in 1982 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 world; 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 lifegiving oxygen and provides habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper and countless wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our City also increase property values and enhance the economic vitality of business areas; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Tukwila community are also encouraged to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Allan Ekberg, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2020:

Arbor Day

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all members of the Tukwila community to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect trees and woodlands.

Signed this eighth day of April, 2020.

Allan Ekberg, Mayor