



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-014

RECOGNIZING APRIL 24, 2026, AS ARBOR DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

***WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside to encourage the planting of trees; and*

***WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. It's estimated that one million trees were planted on this day; and*

***WHEREAS**, National Arbor Day is observed on the last Friday in April; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Arbor Day Foundation, a global nonprofit organization, has set a goal to plant 500 million trees by 2027 in areas where they are needed most; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees serve critical functions, such as reducing the erosion of topsoil by wind and water, decreasing heating and cooling costs, moderating temperatures, cleaning the air, producing life-giving oxygen, and providing habitat for wildlife; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees are a cost-effective way to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere and are one of our greatest allies in combating climate change; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource and provide paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and*

***WHEREAS**, trees play an important role in creating healthier and more connected communities;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Snohomish County Council does hereby recognize April 24, 2026, as Arbor Day in Snohomish County and encourages Snohomish County residents and business owners to preserve and enhance our natural resources for future generations.*

***APPROVED** this _____ day of _____, 2026.*

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

Sam Low
Council Vice-Chair

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Councilmember

Jared Mead
Councilmember

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Councilmember

ATTEST: _____
Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council