



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 24-015

RECOGNIZING APRIL 26, 2024, 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 26, 2024, 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 17th day of April 2024.

Jared Mead
Council Chair

Sam Low
Councilmember

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Councilmember

Nate Nehring
Council Vice-Chair

Megan Dunn
Councilmember

ATTEST:

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Deputy Clerk of the Council