



City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, protecting, enhancing, and maintaining trees are key community values expressed in the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that trees contribute to the residential character on Mercer Island, providing health benefits, ecological services, and natural beauty to our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, trees play a vital role in the stabilization of geologically hazardous areas, improve surface water quality and control, benefit Lake Washington, and reduce noise and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day, a world-wide observance that encourages tree planting and care, is one of many ways the City of Mercer Island and its residents declare their commitment to fostering healthy, resilient urban forests and street trees vital to the community's present and future welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Debbie Bertlin, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim the third Saturday in October as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Mercer Island and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect and nurture our trees and urban forests not just for the beauty they offer, but for the benefits they provide our residents and community.

APPROVED, this 7th day of October 2019



Mayor Debbie Bertlin