



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

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

Trees play a vital role in improving surface water quality, stabilizing steep slopes, and reducing noise and air pollution, thereby benefiting Lake Washington's aquatic and lakeshore habitats. Protecting, planting, and maintaining trees are key community values expressed in the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan.

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, Salim Nice, 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, community, and environment.

APPROVED, this 3rd day of OCTOBER 2022

Mayor Salim Nice

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