Proclamation

WHEREAS, in 1872, 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 reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource providing paper, wood to build our homes, and countless other valuable and necessary products; and

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

WHEREAS, since 1995, the City of Tumwater has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, the City has begun implementation of the *Urban Forestry Management Plan*, which guides the growth, protection, and maintenance of the City's community and urban forest and to encourage "the right tree in the right place"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater will celebrate Arbor Day with a free event on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Tumwater Historical Park. At this event, residents can take home Arbor Day memorabilia, free potted native plants for the first one hundred people, and have the opportunity to ask a professional forester, landscape architect, or horticulturalists about the proper planting of and care for plants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

Arbor Day
April 18, 2026

FURTHER, I encourage all people in the City of Tumwater to participate in our Arbor Day and Earth Day celebrations and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Tumwater to be affixed at the City Hall, this 21st day of April, in the year, two thousand and twenty-six.

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Leatta Dahlhoff
Mayor

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