The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, trees are a significant part in making any community a truly vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a wonderful opportunity to teach the next generation about the importance of having trees in our communities and healthy forests throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, planning for the right tree in the right place helps trees to grow strong and healthy, and capable of providing benefits for all; and

WHEREAS, trees help conserve energy, absorb carbon dioxide, give off oxygen, and store carbon; keep our air clean to breathe and our water safe to drink; promote physical fitness and improve mental health; mitigate the impacts of climate change and decrease city temperatures on hot summer days; and ease the stresses of city life; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program is working with communities statewide to help local governments, citizen groups, and volunteers plant, care for and maintain safe, healthy urban forests for the benefits they provide within the communities where they live and work in Washington;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2015 as

Arbor Day

in Washington, and urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 24th day of February, 2015

[Signature]
Governor Jay Inslee