

The State of Washington



Proclamation

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

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

WHEREAS, trees make our communities truly vibrant places to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' Urban and Community Forestry Program is working with communities statewide to help local governments, citizen groups, and volunteers plan for, plant, and manage safe, healthy forests for the people of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is an opportunity to celebrate Washington's trees and forests and teach the next generation about the importance of having healthy forests throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2020, as

Arbor Day

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

Signed this 5th day of March, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Governor Jay Inslee

