

# 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 and 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**, 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 10, 2019, as

### *Arbor Day*

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

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019

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

Governor Jay Inslee

