



CITY OF KIRKLAND
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MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Deb Powers, Urban Forester
Date: September 21, 2016
Subject: 2016 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION

Mayor proclaim October 15, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Attached is the proclamation declaring Saturday, October 15, 2016 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland. This year, the annual Arbor Day celebration and forest restoration will take place at O. O. Denny Park from 10am to 2pm. Volunteers are invited to reconnect with nature and support stewardship efforts by removing invasive weeds and planting native trees, shrubs and ground cover.

Following restoration efforts, a ceremonial native tree planting will take place with Washington State Department of Natural Resources Ben Thompson and Kirkland Urban Forester Deb Powers.

Since 2001, Kirkland has celebrated its autumnal Arbor Day to coincide with a Green Kirkland Partnership forest restoration project. The event brings together different groups of staff and volunteers – all working together for a healthy, sustainable urban forest in Kirkland.

By meeting the National Arbor Day Foundation standards in 2016, Kirkland will maintain its status as a Tree City USA for the fifteenth consecutive year. Also, Kirkland is one of a limited number of cities in the State of Washington that has received numerous Growth Awards for exceeding these standards on an annual basis.

Kirkland Urban Forester Deb Powers will be the recipient of the 2015 Arbor Day Proclamation.

cc: Sharon Rodman
Paul Stewart

Attachment:
2016 Arbor Day Proclamation



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming October 15, 2016 as Kirkland Arbor Day in Kirkland, Washington

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is observed around the world to celebrate, plant, and care for trees, and

WHEREAS, by proclaiming and celebrating Arbor Day each year, Kirkland meets 'Tree City USA' criteria set forth by the National Arbor Day Foundation, and

WHEREAS, celebrating Arbor Day fulfills Kirkland Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan objectives, supporting the community's vision for a livable and sustainable Kirkland today and for future generations, and

WHEREAS, Green Kirkland Partnership volunteers celebrate Arbor Day by planting an abundance of native trees in open space areas, contributing to a resilient, healthy urban forest,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amy Walen, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim Saturday, October 15th, 2016 as Kirkland Arbor Day and encourage residents to appreciate the value of trees and support their protection.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2016

Amy Walen, Mayor