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Council Meeting: 04/16/2019
Agenda: Honors and Proclamations
Item #: 5. a.

MEMORANDUM

To: Kurt Triplett, City Manager
From: Deb Powers, Urban Forester
Date: April 16, 2019
Subject: 2019 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

RECOMMENDATION

That the Mayor proclaim April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION

Attached is the proclamation declaring Friday, April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Kirkland. By meeting the National Arbor Day Foundation standards in 2019, Kirkland will maintain its status as a Tree City USA for the eighteenth consecutive year. The four standards required by the Arbor Day Foundation to qualify as a Tree City USA include:

- Have a designated Tree Board and/or Department responsible for trees on city-owned property, including professional foresters or arborists on staff. The Park Board and programs in the Planning Department, Parks Department and Public Works Department together meet these criteria;
- Adopt a tree care ordinance that provides guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees. Chapter 95 of the Zoning Code related to tree management (and related environmental chapters) fulfill this requirement;
- Maintain a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita. The various tree and forestry-related staff and programs in Parks, Planning, and Public Works exceed this budgetary requirement;
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation. This proclamation and the Green Kirkland Partnership Earth Month and other tree plantings fulfill this standard.
- In addition, Kirkland is one of a limited number of cities in the State of Washington that received Sterling City status for achieving ten years of Growth Awards for exceeding these standards on an annual basis.

Kirkland Urban Forester Deb Powers is the recipient of the 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation.

Cc: Chris Dodd, Greg Nuemann, Adam Weinstein, Jeremy McMahan

Attachment: 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation



A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Proclaiming April 26, 2019 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, protecting, enhancing and maintaining our urban forest is integral to Kirkland's community character,

NOW THEREFORE, I, PENNY SWEET, Mayor of Kirkland, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2019 as Kirkland Arbor Day.

Signed this 16th day of April, 2019

Penny Sweet, Mayor