**Whereas:** Bellevue has adopted the goal of integrating natural and built environments to create a sustainable urban habitat; and

**Whereas:** The city is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to foster environmental awareness, appreciation and stewardship of our natural, cultural and historical resources; and

**Whereas:** The residents of Bellevue value clean air and water, wildlife habitat, and distinctly unique places to live, work and play; and

**Whereas:** Trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and

**Whereas:** Trees are essential to protecting salmon habitat by providing shade along streams and preserving water quality by preventing erosion; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue, for the thirty-third consecutive year, has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue is committed to working with its residents and businesses to help build a healthy community by planting trees in our park spaces and giving them away for planting on private property.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the **October 26, 2024,** as:

## **Arbor Day**

in Bellevue, and urge all community members to plant trees to help promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

> Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue