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Whereas: the City of Bellevue is committed to preserving and enhancing its natural resources, tree canopy, green spaces and watersheds to support a healthy, sustainable and resilient community; and

Whereas: the city is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness, appreciation and stewardship of our natural, cultural and historical resources through community education and engagement; and

Whereas: Bellevue residents value clean air and water, thriving wildlife habitats and distinctive places to live, work and play - hallmarks of Bellevue's identity as a "City in a Park"; and

Whereas: trees enhance neighborhoods and business areas, provide shade, improve air quality and contribute to the beauty, livability and economic vitality of our community; and

Whereas: trees play an essential role in supporting healthy ecosystems by providing wildlife habitat, protecting streams and salmon habitat, reducing erosion, absorbing stormwater and helping maintain water quality; and

Whereas: trees provide beauty, connection and renewal, linking generations and inspiring stewardship of our shared environment; and

Whereas: Bellevue, for the 35th consecutive year, has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation, reflecting the city's enduring commitment to a healthy and sustainable urban forest.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 17, 2026**, as

Arbor Day

in Bellevue, Washington, and urge all community members to plant, protect and care for trees to help sustain the health, beauty and well-being of our community for present and future generations.

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Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue