

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue has adopted the goal of integrating the natural and built environments to create a sustainable urban habitat; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue is dedicated to providing educational opportunities that achieve greater environmental awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of our natural, cultural, and historical resources; and
- Whereas:*** The citizens of Bellevue wish to reside in an area with clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, and comfortable and secure places for people to live, work, and play; and
- Whereas:*** Trees are essential to the protection of salmon habitat because they provide shade along streams and preserve water quality by preventing erosion; and
- Whereas:*** Trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- Whereas:*** Wherever planted, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue, for the twenty-fifth consecutive year, has been recognized as a *Tree City USA* community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue is committed to working with its residents and businesses to help “*build a healthy community*” by planting trees;

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim **April 16, 2016** as

ARBOR DAY – EARTH DAY

in Bellevue, and encourage citizens to observe this time by participating both in community-wide celebrations of the environment and in city beautification and enhancement projects.

Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

John Stokes, Mayor
City of Bellevue