

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, following a proposal by J. Sterling Morton, the first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska with more than one million trees planted, and is now observed throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion by wind and water of our precious topsoil, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air and water, produce oxygen, increase the life of our roads, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are also a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, and fuel for our fires while increasing property values, enhancing the economic vitality of business environments, improving human health and well-being, and beautifying our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Spokane is one of more than 3,400 communities designated as a Tree City USA, and 2020 marks our 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane do hereby proclaim Friday, April 24, 2020 as

### ARBOR DAY

in Spokane, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands by supporting our City's community forestry program and helping to maintain our trees as they help provide quality of life for present and future generations.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
20th day of April in 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

