

# 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 3,500 communities designated as a Tree City USA:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as

### ARBOR DAY

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

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
15th day of April 2025.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

