



Proclamation

COMMEMORATION OF EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY

WHEREAS, Earth Day is celebrated on April 22, 2019, and Arbor Day on April 26, 2019; and

WHEREAS, both days are times to recognize the importance of preserving our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Monroe recognizes the benefits of its urban forests for improving air and water quality, providing vegetative buffers to development, producing habitat for wildlife, and generally enhancing the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe Park Board initiated a Heritage Tree Program to increase public awareness and appreciation of Monroe's heritage and Pacific Northwest character; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2019, Sound Salmon Solutions led a volunteer tree planting event at Al Borlin Park to benefit our river ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, I have initiated a "Living Christmas Tree Program" in 2018 to offer the opportunity for residents to donate their used, living Christmas trees for planting in Monroe's parks and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, students of Mrs. Hehn's Third Grade Class from Fryelands Elementary School will assist in the ceremonial planting of an Arbor Day tree donated by the Monroe Garden Club at Lake Tye Park on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 1:15 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Arbor Day Foundation has recognized the City of Monroe as a Tree City USA.

NOW THEREFORE I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, do hereby invite residents and businesses in our community to join me in recognizing the importance of preserving and enhancing our natural environment on April 22, 2019, as

EARTH DAY

and on April 26, 2019, as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of Monroe, Washington.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor
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