

Proclamation

Whereas, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees called Arbor Day, which is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, the City of Renton has been recognized as a Tree City USA since 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation; and

Whereas, trees reduce soil erosion, produce life-giving oxygen, increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business districts, improve wildlife and fish habitats, and contribute many other benefits; and

Whereas, in 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson introduced legislation designating a day in April as a national day to celebrate the earth, and called it Earth Day; and

Whereas, volunteers from neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and service clubs will have the opportunity to help the City of Renton celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day later in the year at a city-sponsored event; but for now, city staff will mark the occasion on Friday, April 30, by planting trees to help restore and beautify the urban forest;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, to be

Arbor Day / Earth Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to observe the occasion in their own way and consider planting trees where they live.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 12th day of April, 2021.

Armondo Payone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington