

# *Proclamation*

## *City of Longview, Washington*

### *Arbor Day*

#### *April 12, 2017*

*WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed as a holiday with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska and is now celebrated throughout the nation and the world; and*

*WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for constructing our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and*

*WHEREAS, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and beautify our community; and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, gladden our hearts and are a constant source of joy and spiritual renewal; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Longview has again been recognized for the 33<sup>rd</sup> year as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and plans to maintain this established title, and;*

*Now, THEREFORE, I, Don Jensen, Mayor of the City of Longview, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 12, 2017, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Longview, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for and protect our trees and woodlands, along with the sustainability of our city's community forestry program for present and future generations.*

*Furthermore, I cordially invite all citizens to attend our City's annual tree planting event on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Lake Sacajawea near Nichols Avenue & Louisiana Street.*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Longview to be affixed this 23<sup>RD</sup> day of March 2017.*

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*Don Jensen, Mayor*