



Office of Mayor

PROCLAMATION

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, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce erosion, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, given the great forest lands that surround North Bend and the trees that line our streets and beautify our parks, trees form an important aspect of the City's character and identity; and

WHEREAS, the trees planted by volunteers today will help protect water quality and temperature in Ribary Creek and the South Fork Snoqualmie River, provide wildlife habitat, and beautify our community for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, North Bend has now been recognized for fifteen consecutive years as a *Tree City USA* by the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the National Arbor Day Foundation for our planting and stewardship of the City's trees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Miller, Mayor, do hereby proclaim today, November 14, 2025 as

ARBOR DAY

in the City of North Bend and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and forests, and to plant and care for trees to beautify our City and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



Signed this 14th Day of November, 2025

Mary Miller
Mayor