

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** the Pacific Dogwood (*cornus nuttallii*) was nurtured and cultivated by the earliest settlers of the Milwaukie area, including the Clackamas people who used the Dogwood to weave baskets and make other utensils, and

**WHEREAS** the Oregon State Legislature incorporated the Town of Milwaukie on May 21, 1903, after years of organized community action that sought to seek local control of the area's infrastructure and shared spaces, and

**WHEREAS** on April 27, 1952, a plaque was placed by the Susannah Lee Barlow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the home of Milwaukie's first mayor, William Shindler, to mark the location of the then-largest native Pacific Dogwood in the United States, which stood at 65-feet in height and 7-feet in circumference, and

**WHEREAS** on July 9, 1962, the City Council designated the Pacific Dogwood as the city's official flower and "The Dogwood City of the West" as the city's nickname, and

**WHEREAS** the people of Milwaukie continue to appreciate the Pacific Dogwood and other Dogwood species by planting them in yards, parks, and shared spaces, and

**WHEREAS**, by designating May 21<sup>st</sup> as Dogwood Day, Milwaukie continues to recognize the beauty of the Dogwood blossom as an emblem of our shared commitment to the earth and to each other.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Batey, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **MAY 21, 2024**, to be **DOGWOOD DAY** in Milwaukie, *The Dogwood City of the West*.

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024.

  
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Lisa M. Batey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott S. Stauffer, City Recorder

