



CITY OF MILWAUKIE
'Dogwood City of the West'

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the territory along the east bank of the Willamette River has long been noted for its wild and naturally beautiful flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, the beauty of the native *Cornus nuttallii*, or Pacific Dogwood, was nurtured and cultivated by the earliest settlers of the area; and

WHEREAS, this community was incorporated on May 21, 1903, with the consent of the Oregon State Legislative Assembly and Governor George E. Chamberlain; and

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

WHEREAS, this City has previously declared May 21st as Dogwood Day as an annual reminder of our shared heritage with the earth and each other; and

WHEREAS, this City wishes to recognize its historic relationship with the Dogwood as a symbol of our shared civic life which commenced this month One-Hundred-Thirteen years ago.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **May 21st, 2016**, as **Dogwood Day** in the City of 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 17th day of **MAY, 2016**.

Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pat DuVal, City Recorder

