

# PROCLAMATION

## ***Arbor Month Proclamation***

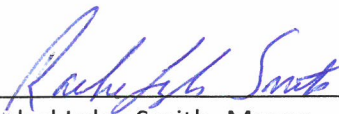
- WHEREAS: Governor Kate Brown has declared April 2022 to be Oregon Arbor Month; and
- WHEREAS: Oregon City has planted over 200 trees in response to the tree loss of the 2021 ice storm, in addition to the tree planting efforts of its residents and businesses; and
- WHEREAS: A member of the Oregon City community, Dara Kramer, was recognized as the state's Heritage Tree Hero this year for her efforts to help Gardiner Middle School care for the campus' 300-year-old White Oak; and
- WHEREAS: Oregon City is celebrating its tenth year as a Tree City USA; and
- WHEREAS: Maintaining and increasing the urban forest in Oregon City will help the City withstand the effects of climate change and natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS: The City's Arbor Day partners include Oregon Department of Forestry, Friends of Trees, and Oregon Community Trees; we work together throughout the year to plant trees and educate the community about the importance of urban forestry; and

Now, Therefore, I, Rachel Lyles Smith, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

**April 2022 as  
Arbor Month in Oregon City**

And, urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Month, support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to plant and care for trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
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Rachel Lyles Smith, Mayor