

PROCLAMATION

Peace Tree Proclamation

WHEREAS: in 2007, Hideko Tamura Snider, a survivor of the bombing of Hiroshima, founded the One Sunny Day Initiative to educate the public about the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS: the One Sunny Day Initiative, through educational presentations and cultural exchange programs plants seeds of peace, hope and reconciliation for all people; and

WHEREAS: in 2017 the One Sunny Day Initiative partnered with Green Legacy Hiroshima to germinate seeds from the Gingko trees that survived the atomic blast for the purpose of planting on public lands as a living connection to events that brought an end to a historic war and the resilience and persistence of life; and

WHEREAS: the City of Oregon City was chosen to host one of the Hiroshima Peace Trees; and

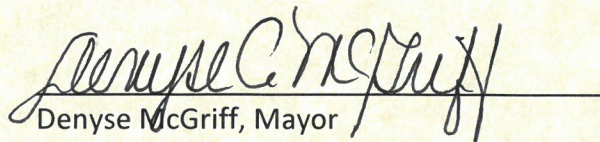
WHEREAS: the City of Oregon City, Oregon Community Trees and the Oregon Department of Forestry have partnered to honor and memorialize the planting of the Hiroshima Peace Tree;

Now, Therefore, I, Denyse McGriff, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim:

**April 5, 2023 as
"One Sunny Day of Peace"**

And ask all residents to become familiar with the history of the atomic bombing that brought an end to World War II, to recognize the work of its survivors, who have dedicated their lives to remembrance and peace, and to please welcome our connection to this event, a gingko biloba sapling grown from a tree that survived the atomic blast. May this tree bring peace to those who served and future generations.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April, 2023.


Denyse McGriff, Mayor