

# PROCLAMATION

**Arbor Day  
April 10, 2013**

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 with the planting of more than one million trees in the state of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Washington, the "Evergreen State," has celebrated Arbor Day since 1917; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland has been designated as Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation; and

WHEREAS, trees clean the air and water; produce oxygen; reduce storm water runoff; cut heating and cooling costs; moderate the temperature; reduce erosion and compaction of our precious topsoil from water and wind; beautify our neighborhoods; reduce stress; and provide food and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees help build community, and unify and beautify neighborhoods; and wherever they are planted, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grover Laseke, Mayor of Woodland, and the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of April as ARBOR MONTH and April 10<sup>th</sup>, as "ARBOR DAY 2013" in the City of Woodland, and urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and natural areas, for the well-being of present and future generations; and we urge you to join us for the Arbor Day Celebration at the Woodland School District Partners in Transition House located at 763 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at 12:30 p.m. and then continuing at the High School Campus located across the street from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.



CITY OF WOODLAND, WASHINGTON

  
Grover Laseke, Mayor