



City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes that our urban forest is essential infrastructure providing environmental, economic, and public health benefits — including increasing resiliency to climate change, cooling urban heat islands, mitigating stormwater runoff, enhancing mental well-being, and enriching the beauty and culture of our city; and
- WHEREAS, trees are critical to growing cities like Seattle and require ongoing planning, care, and management to ensure long-term sustainability, equity, and community benefit; and
- WHEREAS, the City is advancing its goal of 30% canopy cover by 2037, equitably distributed across neighborhoods, and through the Equity and Environment Initiative is developing inclusive, culturally rooted strategies to ensure that all residents share in the benefits trees provide; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle's national and international leadership in urban restoration has been recognized through 40 consecutive years as a Tree City USA, as a Role Model City by the United Nations Environment Program's Generation Restoration initiative, and through Seattle City Light's designation as a Tree Line USA utility for best practices in urban forestry; and
- WHEREAS, the act of planting a tree is both a signal of hope and an investment in our shared future — and fall marks the best time of year to plant trees in Seattle; and
- WHEREAS, Green Seattle Day 2025 marks the 20th anniversary of the Green Seattle Partnership's work to restore ecological health and strengthen community connections across our natural areas; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle celebrates Arbor Day and Green Seattle Day as opportunities for residents to come together in the One Seattle spirit — preserving, planting, and nurturing the urban forest that sustains and unites our communities.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2025 TO BE*

Seattle Forest Week

Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

