



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** in Nebraska in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees and, for the first Arbor Day, more than a million trees were planted in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS,** trees touch the lives of people within the community who benefit daily from cleaner air, shadier streets, and aesthetic beauty that healthy, well-managed urban forests provide; and

**WHEREAS,** Trees can make a strong contribution to a community's pride; and

**WHEREAS,** the city established the Poulsbo Tree Board in March 1997 and for the 13th year in a row, Poulsbo has been designated a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its ongoing urban forestry commitment;

**WHEREAS,** Whereas, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Vinland Elementary School will be working with the Poulsbo Tree Board, learning about Arbor Day and trees, and planting a tree in the school front courtyard;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2010:

## ARBOR DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage our citizens to celebrate Arbor Day, and enjoy the beauty of our community. Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.



DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2010

REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR