



# City of Omak

WASHINGTON STATE

*heart of the Okanogan*

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and;

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and;

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

**WHEREAS**, trees can be a solution to combating climate change by reducing the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cutting heating and cooling costs, moderating the temperature, cleaning the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife, and;

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and;

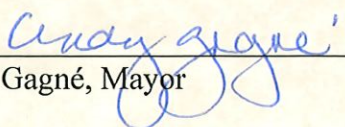
**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and;

**WHEREAS**, trees – wherever they are planted – are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cindy Gagné, Mayor of the City of Omak, Washington, do hereby proclaim **Friday, April 28, 2023**, as Arbor Day in the City of Omak, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and

**FURTHER**, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

**DATED** this 3rd day of April, 2023.

  
Cindy Gagné, Mayor

