**PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR WEEK AND DAY**

**WHEREAS,** National Arbor Day has been an occasion for recognizing the value of trees and their positive benefits to human welfare since 1872; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Arbor Day holiday, 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 are significant resources providing benefits in terms of storm water reduction, moderating temperatures, improved air quality, increased real estate values, energy savings, enhanced economic vitality of business areas, wildlife habitat, and the attractiveness of our community; and,

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

**WHEREAS,** the City of Umatilla, Oregon, desires to be known as a “*Tree City USA”*; and,

**WHEREAS,** programs like Tree City USA and the Arbor Day holiday are opportunities for us to plant and maintain trees for the future, and we urge all of our citizens to plant and protect our community’s trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Daren Dufloth, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Umatilla, Oregon, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16, 2018 through April 22, 2018 as *ARBOR WEEK* in the City of Umatilla, Oregon and Friday, April 27, 2018, as ARBOR DAY in the City of Umatilla, Oregon, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for and maintain trees in our community.

Adopted by the City Council this 3rd day of April, 2018.

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Daren Dufloth, Mayor