

**RESOLUTION NO. 604**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, ACKNOWLEDGING THE GIG HARBOR / KEY PENINSULA ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION AND ESTABLISHING APRIL 26, 2003, AS AN ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION AT THE CIVIC CENTER.**

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WHEREAS, trees provide oxygen necessary for life on earth, and

WHEREAS, one acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and produces four tons of oxygen per year, enough for 18 people, and

WHEREAS, trees absorb and store carbon dioxide which helps control global warming, and

WHEREAS, trees and their roots help prevent erosion, landslides and absorb storm water runoff, and replenish our topsoil with nutrients necessary for native plants to flourish, and

WHEREAS, trees provide habitat for wildlife and filter groundwater to keep our streams clean, and

WHEREAS, our urban forest is the very signature of our livable community, and

WHEREAS, the forests provide the lungs of the planet, sanctuary for the soul and an economic engine; NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Gig Harbor strongly supports the Gig Harbor / Key Peninsula Arbor Day Foundation in their effort to encourage the planting of trees in and around the City, and establishing Saturday, April 26, 2003, as an Arbor Day celebration at the Civic Center.

RESOLVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

APPROVED:

*Gretchen A. Wilbert*  
MAYOR, GRETCHEN A. WILBERT

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

*Molly M. Towslee*  
CITY CLERK, MOLLY TOWSLEE

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PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 2/10/03  
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