

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Council was established in 2002 to work with citizens, business owners, non-profit organizations & government agencies to enhance community forests in the Spokane region; and

WHEREAS, The Douglas-fir raises our tree canopy and softens the skyline of Spokane while providing the many environmental benefits of a large tree; and

WHEREAS, Our native conifers are disappearing due to natural attrition, land development and urban logging; and

WHEREAS, The actions we take over the next few years will determine the future of our Douglas-fir and the character of our urban tree canopy for generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Council is working with our City's Urban Forestry Program and arboricultural and horticultural organizations to raise awareness of the importance of the Douglas-fir to the quality life in Spokane; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to educate the citizens of Spokane about the fragility of our urban forest and the role individuals can play in nurturing our community trees, proclaiming the Douglas-fir as Spokane's Tree of the Year is the continuation of an education program which announces a new Tree of the Year each Arbor Day; and

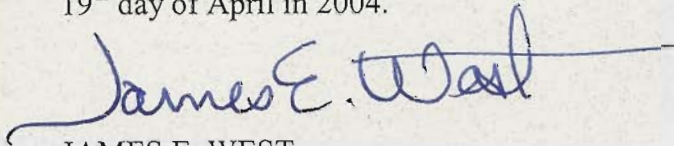
WHEREAS, The City of Spokane celebrates National Arbor Day on Saturday April 24, 2004 at the Finch Arboretum:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor James E. West, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane do hereby proclaim

THE DOUGLAS-FIR
SPOKANE'S TREE OF THE YEAR FOR 2004

and call upon the people of this city, as we work together to protect and nurture our community forest, to join in recognition and participation in this special observance.

I, James E. West, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
19th day of April in 2004.



JAMES E. WEST
Mayor

