

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 actions we take over the next few years will determine the character of our urban tree canopy for generations yet to come; and

WHEREAS, The Urban Forest Council is working with the City's Urban Forestry Program and other arboricultural and horticultural organizations to raise awareness of the importance of diversifying tree species in Spokane's urban forests; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed legislation in November 2004 designating the Oak as America's National Tree endorsing a vote hosted by The National Arbor Day Foundation at its Website, www.arborday.org, in which Americans of all ages and from all walks of life helped choose the newest national symbol; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to educate the citizens of Spokane about the fragile condition of our urban forests and the role that individuals can play in nurturing our community trees; and

WHEREAS, Proclaiming the Bur Oak as Spokane's Tree of the Year supports 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 23, 2005 at the Finch Arboretum:

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

BUR OAK
SPOKANE'S TREE OF THE YEAR 2005

and call upon the people of this great city, as we work together to protect and nurture our community forests, to join in recognition of 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
18th day of April in 2005.

James E. West

JAMES E. WEST
Mayor

