



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, well-maintained parks, playgrounds, trails, open spaces, and our community center enhance quality of life and make Fircrest an attractive and desirable place to live, work, play, and visit; and

WHEREAS, parks offer essential spaces for recreation, reflection, exercise, play, and social connection, fostering a strong sense of community and belonging for all; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural areas provide a critical connection to the environment, offering a peaceful escape from daily life while helping to preserve our natural resources and protect local ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day, celebrated annually on April 22nd, reminds us of the importance of environmental stewardship and the role each of us plays in sustaining a healthy planet for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Parks Appreciation Day and Earth Day align in their shared goal of celebrating nature, promoting sustainability, and encouraging community engagement; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 26, 2025, residents across Pierce County will come together to clean, restore, and beautify parks and green spaces, including a volunteer event at Whittier Park in Fircrest, hosted by the Pierce Conservation District, focusing on invasive species removal, litter pickup, and care for native plants.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2025, as **Parks Appreciation Day** in the City of Fircrest, Washington and encourage all residents to participate in local efforts to care for our parks and environment, and to enjoy the many benefits our local and regional parks provide.

Passed this 22nd day of April 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Reynolds".

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor