



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

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 2026 theme of “Our Power, Our Planet” emphasizes that environmental progress is driven by community action, daily efforts, and collective power, focusing on sustainable actions to protect local communities; 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 18, 2026, a Parks Appreciation and Earth Day volunteer event will be held 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 18, 2026, 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 14th day of April 2026



Nikki Bufford, Mayor

