

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Town wants to protect and enhance public areas by planting more trees and developing an urban forest program; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town is honored and enthusiastic to be recognized as a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, in celebration of Arbor Day, the Town is proud to be planting new street trees at various locations and offering Garry Oak seedlings to the community for planting;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Farhad Ghatan, do hereby proclaim,

### **Thursday, April 5, 2018** **Arbor Day**

in the Town and call upon the residents of Friday Harbor and our neighbors throughout San Juan County to plant, care and protect our local trees and woodlands.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Friday Harbor to be affixed this 5th day of April 2018.

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Farhad Ghatan, Mayor



## Advice From a Tree

Dear Friend  
Stand Tall and Proud  
Sink your roots deeply into the Earth  
Reflect the light of your true nature  
Think long term  
Go out on a limb  
Remember your place among all living beings  
Embrace with joy the changing seasons  
For each yields its own abundance  
The Energy and Birth of Spring  
The Growth and Contentment of Summer  
The Wisdom to let go like leaves in the Fall  
The Rest and Quiet renewal of Winter

Feel the wind and the sun  
And delight in their presence  
Look up at the moon that shines down upon you  
And the mystery of the stars at night  
Seek nourishment from the good things in life  
Simple pleasures  
Earth, fresh air, light  
Be content with your natural beauty  
Drink plenty of water  
Let your limbs sway and dance in the breezes  
Be flexible  
Remember your roots  
Enjoy the view!

*Ilan Shamir*