

# ~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the Washington State University Master Gardener volunteer program is celebrating 43 years of service to citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, this model of volunteer service was founded in 1973 by Washington State University Extension agents David Gibby and William Scheer and is now emulated across Washington and in all 49 other states and numerous foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,330 Master Gardener volunteers statewide serve more than 330,000 Washington residents each year; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated volunteer educators share their love of gardening to enhance natural resources and environmental stewardship, improve the health and wellness of residents, and create and sustain vibrant communities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener program is a remarkable example of volunteer community service that returns to Washington residents more than 10 times the money expended on the program's maintenance.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Councilors, hereby proclaim the week of  
May 23-29, 2016 as

## ~Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week~

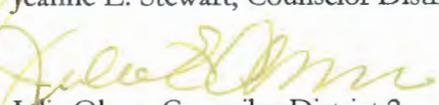
in Clark County, Washington and urge citizens to join us in thanking Master Gardeners for their years of service promoting the beauty and livability of our county, community and homes.

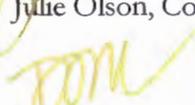
Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016

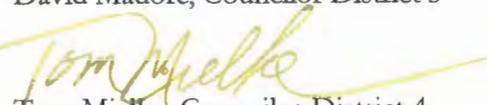
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