

# ~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the Washington State University Master Gardener volunteer program is celebrating 42 years of service to citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, this model of volunteer service, emulated in all other 49 states and numerous foreign countries, was founded in 1973 by Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 3,300 Master Gardener volunteers serving more than 333,000 Washington residents each year; and

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

WHEREAS, the Master Gardener program sets a remarkable example of volunteer service by returning to Washington citizens more than 10 times the money spent to maintain the program.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Board of County Councilors, hereby proclaim the week of May 10-16, 2015 as

*~Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week~*

in Clark County, Washington, and urge citizens to join this special observance.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015



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