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### PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, A vibrant and meaningful urban forest contributes to the beauty of the City of Cottage Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, in August, 2020, the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima will be recognized around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, Hideko Tamura Snider, a survivor of the bombing of Hiroshima, founded the One Sunny Day Initiative to educate the public about the consequences of the use of nuclear weapons; and

**WHEREAS**, the One Sunny Day Initiative, through educational presentations and cultural exchange programs plants seeds of peace, hope and reconciliation for all people; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the One Sunny Day Initiative partnered with Green Legacy Hiroshima to germinate seeds from trees that survived the atomic blast for the purpose of planting on public lands as a living connection to events that brought an end to a historic war and the resilience and persistence of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cottage Grove was chosen to host one of the Hiroshima Peace Trees; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, during this 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and the end of World War II, I, Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, ask all residents to become familiar with the history of the atomic bombing that brought an end to World War II, to recognize the work of its survivors, who have dedicated their lives to remembrance and peace, and to please welcome our connection to this event, a ginkgo biloba sapling grown from a tree that survived atomic blast. May this tree bring peace to those who served and future generations. I hereby declare February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as:

### "One Sunny Day of Peace"

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.



  
Jeffrey D. Gowing  
Mayor City of Cottage Grove, Oregon