

## **Manzanita Day MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>**

Whereas: the City of Manzanita has proudly shared its name with the beautiful shrub, manzanita, for more than one hundred years, and

Whereas: our local manzanita thrives in the wild but is rare in commerce, and

Whereas: historically, manzanita was highly valued by Native Americans for culinary and medicinal purposes, and

Whereas: two naturally occurring varieties of manzanita have been discovered in the area, named and introduced to the horticultural trade, and

Whereas: Manzanita's citizens honor the shrub for its beauty, variety, and unique history, and

Whereas: the meaning of the word manzanita in Spanish is "little apple" and Native Americans know it as bearberry or kinnickinnick, and

Whereas: manzanitas continue to grace public and private gardens throughout the city,

Now therefore:

I, Mike Scott, Mayor of Manzanita Oregon, hereby declare March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 as Manzanita Day in the City, and encourage citizens and businesses of Manzanita to honor its namesake bush by planting, cultivating, and otherwise celebrating the day with a variety of activities, in the hope that in future years March 31<sup>st</sup> will be celebrated in honor of the shared heritage by Spanish-speaking peoples, Native Americans, current residents and visitors represented by the Manzanita shrub.