

CITY OF OLYMPIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Councilmember Jim Cooper has devoted fifteen years of exemplary service to the people of Olympia providing steadfast leadership, thoughtful vision, and tireless commitment to the well-being of the community he loves; and

WHEREAS, his journey on the City Council began alongside the birth of his daughter, Maggie, grounding his public service in a deep sense of responsibility to future generations and a vision for a thriving, inclusive Olympia; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Councilmember Cooper demonstrated an enduring dedication to strengthening regional relationships and advancing shared goals with local Tribes, the Metropolitan Park District, Olympic Region Clean Air Agency, the Regional Housing Council, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Councilmember Cooper joined the City delegation to Kato, Japan in celebration of the 40th anniversary of the sister city relationship, strengthening international ties and honoring decades of cultural exchange and friendship; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cooper has provided long and dedicated service on the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter (LEOFF) Disability Board, steadfastly supporting retired officers and firefighters and ensuring their needs were met with fairness, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cooper provided diligent and fiscally responsible leadership through his longtime service on the Finance Committee, helping to ensure transparent budgeting, with an eye towards long-term financial stability and the effective stewardship of public resources; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cooper has championed greater accountability, transparency, and data-informed decision-making, always striving for a city government that earns the trust of the people it serves; and

WHEREAS, during his years on the Council, Olympia experienced important growth and transformation; expanding community engagement, supporting housing opportunities, and encouraging investment in the heart of the city; and

WHEREAS, through his service, Councilmember Cooper emphasized that effective government is stewardship requiring dedication, collaboration, and continual learning; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cooper believes that Olympia's residents are among the most thoughtful and informed voters anywhere, and that good governance depends on earning and maintaining their trust; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Cooper encourages Olympians to remain engaged, pay attention, and participate actively in civic life, reminding us that community only works when we all show up and share our voices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Olympia City Council does hereby express profound appreciation to

COUNCILMEMBER JIM COOPER

in honor of fifteen years of outstanding service, visionary leadership, and unwavering commitment to the people and future of Olympia.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Dontae Payne
Mayor**