PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia's success depends on making sure that all residents feel welcome here; and

WHEREAS, today, new residents are a vital part of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value; and

WHEREAS, this week we join with the South Sound YMCA to honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together across the community; and

WHEREAS, during welcoming week, we invite all residents of our community to join this movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values by taking action in the spirit of welcoming; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make our community the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots; and

WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are Olympians, united in our efforts to build a stronger community. By recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home; and

WHEREAS, we all need to come together to build communities where every resident has the opportunity to contribute at his or her best; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the week of September 14 – September 23, 2018 as

WELCOMING WEEK

in the City of Olympia and call upon all citizens to join together a build stronger community across Olympia.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

Cheryl Selby Mayor