

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes that persons with disabilities are a valued and vital part of our community as workers, civic leaders, business owners, veterans, family members, and friends; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia acknowledges that individuals with disabilities make meaningful contributions to our community, yet continue to face barriers that limit access to opportunities and full participation in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes that barriers to accessibility affect people differently, as disability intersects with race, gender, economic status, and other identities, creating challenges that require a collaborative and equitable approach; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes the ongoing efforts of individuals with disabilities, disability advocates, organizations, and community members who work to remove barriers and promote inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is committed to promoting accessibility, upholding the rights of persons with disabilities, and working to ensure all individuals can fully participate in community life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of March 2026 as

DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Olympia and urges the community, both individually and collectively, to take part in education, advocacy, and actions that support accessibility and inclusion. This includes recognizing the contributions of individuals with disabilities and working together to support the best quality of life for every member of our community.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Dontae Payne
Mayor*