

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in July 1982, an all-volunteer, nonprofit group that became known as the Capital City Marathon Association organized a 26.2-mile race that would take 493 runners through the streets of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon Association put Olympia on the national running map by playing an integral role in securing the State capital as the site of the first women's Olympic Marathon Trials in 1984; and

WHEREAS, since 2005, the Capital City Marathon Association has awarded grants to area high school cross country teams whose athletes volunteer at training group and race day water stops; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Capital City Marathon Association established a foundation to support local groups dedicated to its mission of promoting healthy living through exercise and good nutrition, and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon Association turned the Kids Run, into a free event in 2015 because every child should know how good it feels to cross a finish line; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon uses almost exclusively locally sourced products and services during race weekend; and has an established recycling program; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 alone, runners traveled from cities across Washington, 20 different states and two different countries to participate, adding significantly to the economic vitality of the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, the current route showcases the beauty of downtown Olympia, the diversity of some of its neighborhoods, and the generous spirit and enthusiasm of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon helps unite the community and promotes volunteerism: as every year, approximately 600 volunteers help ensure the safety of runners and motivate them to continue to put one foot in front of the other; and

WHEREAS, May 15, 2016, marked the 35th running of the Capital City Marathon; and

WHEREAS, since the first race in 1982, the Capital City Marathon has evolved into a multi-race weekend, with a 5-mile event, a Kids Run, and a half marathon; and

WHEREAS, more than 43,000 runners have crossed the finish line of the marathon, half marathon or 5-mile event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Cheryl Selby, Mayor of the City of Olympia, do hereby congratulate the Capital City Marathon Association on 35 successful events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the third week of May each year, be proclaimed Capital City Marathon Week.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 17th DAY OF MAY, 2016.

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***