

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Larry Dibble served the City of Olympia and the Olympia Fire Department for more than 40 years beginning February 1974 to September 1979 and then returned to the Department in April of 1985, and

WHEREAS, he served in positions from firefighter, fire lieutenant, Battalion Chief of Training and Assistant Chief, and

WHEREAS, he was promoted to Fire Chief in February of 1998 and has led the Department with skill, insight and compassion, and

WHEREAS, Larry's tenure as Chief makes him the longest serving Fire Chief in the History of the City, and

WHEREAS, Larry's close relationship with Chief Allan Brunacini of the Phoenix Fire Department brought the Department the philosophy of Quality Service Delivery and the commitment to always "be Nice", and

WHEREAS, Larry excelled in collaborative leadership within the Department, blending the needs of the City, union members and the greater Fire community into the most effective and responsive Fire Department in the State of Washington, and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the Department reestablished a full-fledged truck company, training division, new fire station, new fire training center, a chaplaincy program, a firefighter emotional health program and piloted several new emergency medical care initiatives, and

WHEREAS, Larry's ability to listen, analyze and advise led to a number of City-wide special assignments to apply his organizational abilities to other City Departments and provide mentoring, reorganizational adjustments and personnel management solutions to various challenges, and

WHEREAS, Larry is highly respected by his peers and contemporaries for cutting through the murk, seeing things the way they are and stating (without filters) how he sees it, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby honor Larry Dibble for his 44 years of fire service to the community and wish him "Aloha" on the occasion of his retirement.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 27TH DAY OF MARCH 2018.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***