

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1970, Ballet Northwest has served as a community-based group dedicated to promoting, teaching and preserving the art of dance in Southwest Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ballet Northwest was founded in the City of Olympia and stands as the only nonprofit ballet company in Thurston County and the oldest ballet company in the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Ballet Northwest has a proud legacy of making the art of dance accessible to all children, regardless of their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Ballet Northwest produces high-quality dance performances featuring primarily local dancers and has touched the lives of thousands of people in Southwest Washington including dancers, casts, crews, parents, volunteers and audiences; and

WHEREAS, Ballet Northwest will celebrate an impressive milestone – 50 years of bringing ballet and the art of dance to Olympia and the greater Thurston County region; and

WHEREAS, Ballet Northwest will present its 50th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts, and the event will feature professional dancers from the American Ballet Theatre, New York City Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Boston Ballet and the National Ballet of Cuba; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council congratulates Ballet Northwest for 50 years of championing the art of dance in our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim January 25, 2020, as

BALLET NORTHWEST DAY

in the City of Olympia and encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of dance and all the arts on our community.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 21th DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***