

**P R O C L A M A T I O N**

***WHEREAS, on December 31, 2012, David C. Riker, the City of Olympia's Director of Transportation, will retire from the City after 25 years of service; and***

***WHEREAS, David's retirement marks over 34 years of public service in the states of Washington and Montana, all in the field of Public Works and Transportation; and***

***WHEREAS, throughout his 25 year career, David implemented numerous innovative and sustainable solutions to the City's transportation program; and***

***WHEREAS, in 1988, David pioneered the concept of asset management and proposed a pavement management program to the City Council that would dramatically improve the condition of the City's streets over the next 20 years, allowing the City to maintain its streets in the best condition at the lowest cost; and***

***WHEREAS, through David's leadership, the City of Olympia embraced the idea of building "complete" streets that work for all modes of travel, including vehicles, bicycles, transit, and walking; and***

***WHEREAS, David's forward-thinking work with the community resulted in narrower, more human-scale streets, construction of over 16 miles of new sidewalk, 50 new pedestrian crossing improvements, and the expansion of the City's bicycle network from one-mile in 1987 to over 34 miles today; and***

***WHEREAS, in 1995, David developed the City's Transportation Impact Fee program, the first in our region, designed to ensure that new growth pays its fair share of transportation improvements; and***

***WHEREAS, David's legacy includes the transformation of many of the City's key transportation corridors through award-winning capital projects, including the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor (National Award Winner), the Boulevard Road/Log Cabin Roundabout (State Award Winner), RW Johnson Boulevard (Build Washington Award), Harrison Avenue, and many others;***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council hereby recognizes David C. Riker for his outstanding contributions to the City of Olympia and its citizens, and wishes him the very best in his retirement.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER 2012.***

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

**Stephen H. Buxbaum  
Mayor**