

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

WHEREAS, Since January 1, 2015, a cholera epidemic has raged Goma, a city in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with more than 100,000 documented cases and more than 2,000 deaths; and

WHEREAS, In the 26 orphanages in Goma, housing some 3,800 children, there have been more than 700 cases and 67 deaths from cholera; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Water for the World, an Olympia-based, volunteer-run non-profit, trained people in Goma, to build BioSand Water Filters, a simple, affordable technology that can prevent most waterborne illnesses including cholera; and

WHEREAS, in June, Friendly Water for the World raised \$1,980 to install BioSand Filters in every orphanage in Goma; and

WHEREAS, as of September 2, 2015, there was not a single case of cholera in any orphanage in Goma, and the children are now thriving; and

WHEREAS, Friendly Water for the World will strive to replicate this process in villages, towns, and cities around the world that suffer from waterborne illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the people of Olympia, a city celebrated for its clean water, recognize the need for clean water everywhere; and

*WHEREAS, Friendly Water for the World will be holding **WE STOPPED CHOLERA** commemorations on October 23 and October 24;*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the week of October 17-24 as

WE STOPPED CHOLERA VICTORY WEEK

in the City of Olympia, and encourage all citizens to join with Friendly Water for the World to celebrate this victory, and work toward a world free of waterborne illnesses.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Stephen H. Buxbaum
Mayor*