

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Shelley Flaherty has been employed by the City of Olympia Fire Department since February of 1984, and

WHEREAS, she started in the position of secretary and ultimately rose to be the Department's Chief Financial Officer, capable of keeping multiple firefighters, fire officers and fire chiefs within budget, and

WHEREAS, she never allowed the department to go into the red, over budget, for 20 years, and

WHEREAS, along with her normal duties she managed the financial aspects of the 18 million dollar Fire Station 4 and the Regional Fire Training Center project, helping to squeeze every dollar of value out of the funds provided by the citizens, and

WHEREAS, she has managed the Department's fleet and facilities programs, keeping the fire stations safe and comfortable with the vehicles in top condition while developing a fleet business model that has the Olympia Fire Mechanics providing fleet services contracts for multiple Thurston County Fire Agencies, and

WHEREAS, she provided guidance and perspective to an historically male work place to assure that the needs of everyone, male or female, firefighter or civilian were considered as policy was developed, operations were conducted and fires and disasters large and small were controlled, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby honor Shelley Flaherty for her years of service to the citizens of the City of Olympia and wish her well in her next adventures.

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

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***