

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia affirms that all people, regardless of their racial, ethnic and religious identification, their skin color or their physical traits, deserve equal opportunity to experience well-being in a just society and to be full participants in our democracy, and;*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia acknowledges that we must work to address the historic and present-day harms of racism, dismantle the systems that perpetuate racial, ethnic and religious bias, and heal the wounds created by those harms, and;*

*WHEREAS, just like those who came before us, it is our duty to protect the children of this country and maintain communities in which they may all be given the opportunity to succeed; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia understands and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and we must all work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society so that all children can thrive; and*

*WHEREAS, children have the right to be provided every opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive in nurturing environments that don't violate their safety, dignity, and humanity; and*

*WHEREAS, every person has the capability to make a simple change within themselves that can have a profound effect on an entire society; and*

*WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and*

*WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, social, mental and over all well-being of all our children; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Olympia, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, proclaims Tuesday, January 17, 2023 as***

***THE NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING***

***in the city of Olympia and urges the community to promote racial healing and transformation both individually and collectively, as a means to working together to ensure the best quality of life for every child.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2022.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***