

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jim Haley recently retired from his position of President and CEO of Thurston First Bank in Olympia where he worked since 2004; and

WHEREAS, under Jim’s leadership the Bank, its board, and its staff committed to being Olympia’s Downtown Community Bank by relocating into the heart of downtown; and

WHEREAS, Jim identified the most important part of his job as “Being part of the Thurston County and City of Olympia community”; and

WHEREAS, Jim’s personal commitment led to the title of “Mr. Downtown” due to his constant motion to stir things up to make a better Downtown for all; and

WHEREAS, Jim has used his expertise, time and resources to strengthen the relationship between a healthy downtown and a vibrant cultural community; and

WHEREAS, Jim has been a tireless champion of the arts and culture in Downtown Olympia, and served faithfully on the Washington Center Board of directors for 7 years, including a current Term as President of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Jim Haley demonstrated leadership, vision and unwavering commitment as the finance partner for the construction of the permanent home for the award-winning Hands On Children’s Museum and is now Washington’s most-visited youth museum offering play-based, interactive learning experiences to 303,000 children, educators and family members each year; and

WHEREAS Jim consistently pointed to the success of a vibrant and growing downtown by announcing to City officials “you have a parking problem in downtown and that’s a good thing”; and

WHEREAS, Jim’s future plans start with “Until we meet again...”; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby show their gratitude and honor Jim Haley for his energetic, persistent and effective support for the Olympia community and our Downtown.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH 2017.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*