

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, access to safe housing is critical for our unhoused residents including and especially chronically homeless, seniors, and those with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, currently in Washington State, 1 out of every 334 residents are experiencing homelessness and the health impacts that come along with being unsheltered; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2018, the FAITH Alliance has worked on many projects to help reduce the number of unsheltered residents by partnering with faith communities and housing providers to construct tiny homes; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Alliance remains an invaluable organization consisting of community leaders and selfless volunteers aiming to support Olympia's most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Alliance created a team of approximately 49 volunteers of which there were seven Lead Volunteers, and a core team of dedicated Construction Leads who worked more than 1,000 person-hours to build eighteen microhouses for residents of Quince Street Village, offering warmth and respite from the elements and a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, FAITH Alliance previously built tiny home villages at Westminster Presbyterian Church and First Christian Church that are still in use and vital for our community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council recognizes the

FAITH ALLIANCE INITIATIVE FOR TINY HOUSES (FAITH)

for their invaluable work to provide safe and healthy housing in our community.

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 15th DAY OF
NOVEMBER 2022.**

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Cheryl Selby
Mayor**

