



CITY OF OLYMPIA



Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week has been celebrated during the first week of May to honor the people who serve our communities as federal, state, county, municipal and tribal government employees; and

WHEREAS, public servants are our family, our neighbors, and our friends, who every day, with efficiency and integrity, provide the diverse services our community demands of its government; and

WHEREAS, currently at the Federal level, the work, value and contributions of public servants are being treated with skepticism and scorn; and

WHEREAS, without these public servants at every level, the continuity of our democracy would be impossible in a system that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, public servants make crucial contribution in every American community, reflect the full diversity of our nation, and deliver on the promise of government for the people and by the people; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, we honor a number of specific groups of public servants who deserve to be highlighted; and

WHEREAS, on May 3-9, 2026, we honor one of the oldest roles in public service– the Professional Municipal Clerk – and recognize City Clerks for their vital work in promoting government transparency and ensuring public records are open and accessible to all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 4-8, 2026, we celebrate Economic Development Week and acknowledge the contributions made by professional economic developers to create more economically vibrant and livable communities and to forge equitable paths to prosperity for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, on May 10-16, 2026, we recognize National Police Week and honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

WHEREAS, on May 17 -23, 2026, we honor EMS Week and acknowledge that emergency medical services is a vital public service; that access to quality emergency care dramatically improves survival and recovery rates for those suddenly ill or injured; and that emergency medical services fill an important gap in out-of-hospital care; and

WHEREAS, May 17-23, 2026, also marks the 66th annual National Public Works Week; and reminds us that we are able to have clean water, safe streets, reliable infrastructure and a livable community because of public works; and that public works employees make a substantial contribution to protecting the health, safety and quality of life of our residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim

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in the City of Olympia and urges all residents to consider how the work of Olympia’s public servants improves their lives and to recognize the devotion, the sacrifice and the commitment of the employees of the City of Olympia and the many other public servants who support us on the county, state and federal levels.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Dontae Payne
Mayor**