PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Puget Sound is a vital part of our Northwest culture, quality of life, tribal treaty responsibilities, and legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia continues to inspire its residents to support a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound and to protect our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia promotes raising public awareness of stormwater pollution prevention in existing outreach programs and past successes; and

WHEREAS, cities can engage in collaborative efforts in their own communities, as well as regionally to become better environmental stewards; and

WHEREAS, more than 750 state and federal agencies, local governments, nonprofits, businesses and tribes are working together to efficiently and effectively raise awareness about how individual behavior impacts our waterways through the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Starts Here campaign is successfully working to connect Puget Sound residents with activities and opportunities to reduce their individual and cumulative impacts on Puget Sound.

WHEREAS, in the month of May City of Olympia will continue to demonstrate its commitment to the environment by supporting Puget Sound Starts Here month and encourage all citizens to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims the City of Olympia's recognition of Puget Sound Starts Here Month during the month of May 2016.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Cheryl Selby Mayor