

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE ADVOCACY DAY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has prospered throughout its history from the extensive socioeconomic, political, and cultural contributions made by immigrants from every part of the globe; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia welcomes all who enter this country to escape social, religious, political or economic oppression, or those in pursuit of its founding promise of a brighter future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is dedicated to the values of inclusivity, diversity and hope; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has committed to securing the freedom, rights and dignity of all people who reside here; and

WHEREAS, as a declared “Sanctuary City,” the City of Olympia continues to demonstrate its abiding commitment to protecting all immigrants residing here; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia decries enforcement actions by federal immigration authorities that undermine community trust, separate families, and create an atmosphere of fear among immigrant and refugee community members; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia welcomes the advocates for immigrants and refugees from throughout Washington who will attend the legislative session to advocate for legislative measures that will protect immigrants and refugees during and after the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Pro-immigrant measures are desperately needed to compensate for the weakening and removal of protections at the federal level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim January 22, 2026 as

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in the city of Olympia and urge all residents to join immigrant advocates to petition our elected state representatives to enact legislation to provide state and local government protections to all immigrants and their families in the state of Washington

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2026

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

**Dontae Payne
Mayor**