## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Tom Morrill has served as the City Attorney for the City of Olympia for seven years and Deputy City Attorney for two years; and
- WHEREAS, the duties of the City Attorney are wide and varied, the responsibilities significant and impactful, and the role ever changing and always challenging; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has fulfilled his duties, responsibilities, and role with the utmost integrity, diligence, and dignity; and
- WHEREAS, Tom's leadership, presence, and participation has contributed to many critical efforts of the City, including construction of the new City Hall, development of the Hands On Children's Museum, reconstruction of Percival Landing, acquisition and construction of parks at West Bay, East Bay Plaza, and the Artesian Commons; and
- WHEREAS, Tom's policy advice and drafting on key pieces of City legislation include the Shoreline Master Program and the Comprehensive Plan, which have helped establish the City's vision for its next generation; and
- WHEREAS, environmental clean-up, negotiations, and financing were an inescapable part of the past decade of the City's history; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has an unmatched skill in negotiation leading to the receipt of literally millions of dollars of clean-up funds to make possible the reuse of many downtown properties for public and private uses; and
- WHEREAS, Tom has a great ability to champion the values and importance of open government, and acted as parliamentarian for City Council meetings; and
- WHEREAS, Tom was instrumental in securing water rights for Olympia for the next fifty years and beyond by negotiating and crafting the McAllister Water Agreements and the acquisition of water rights at the former Olympia Brewery; and
- WHEREAS, Tom will be missed for his quick wit, helpful attitude, mischievous smile, and unending compassion for his job, his city, and his colleagues;
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby honor Tom Morrill for his tremendous service to the Olympia community and thank him for making a huge positive difference in the Olympia community.
- SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL** 

Stephen H. Buxbaum Mayor