

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, on the eve of national change, the Olympia community remains who we are and who we have always been. The values we held yesterday are the values we hold today, and the values we will hold tomorrow; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympians are a proud mosaic of people of diverse cultures, faiths, beliefs, identities, histories, perspectives, and understandings. We choose to remain good neighbors to one another, to support and protect each other, and to live in a city, a county, and a state that honors and celebrates both our individuality and our commonality; and,*

*WHEREAS, as Olympians, and because our children are watching, we will model the grace, respect, compassion, and inclusiveness we seek in our nation and in the world. We choose to walk the path of light, truth, peace and justice; and,*

*WHEREAS, as a community, we will continue to be engaged in building a world in which all human beings can live freely in the wholeness of their identity. We stand up against bigotry, hate speech and violence of any kind; and,*

*WHEREAS, as Olympians, we understand the gravity of the destruction associated with carbon pollution and climate change. We stand committed to the health of the planet and all the creatures who call it home; and,*

*WHEREAS, in our town, we believe that the prosperity and vitality of our community is made more secure and sustainable when people are paid a fair and livable wage for their labor, and we believe our society is more free and safe when reproductive rights are respected and healthcare is broadly available and easily affordable; and,*

*WHEREAS, as Olympians, we know our differences are our strength. We embrace equity and we will engage in open dialogue for even the hardest conversations*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in our town, we are more than our political parties. We refuse to be defined or controlled by fear, and we are ready to be more courageous, more generous of spirit, and more committed to Olympia values. And we resolve to move forward, together, in hope.*

*SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2016.*

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Cheryl Selby  
Mayor*