

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we resolve to protect Puget Sound and its tributaries which are the source of our communities' wellbeing, health, economy and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we are on the land of the people of Steh-Chass of the Squaxin Island Tribe, the People of the Water, who have stewarded this land from time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound defines our Northwest culture, as do the stories and experiences of indigenous people, our responsibility to honor the Medicine Creek Treaty, and our shared legacy for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the health of Puget Sound is declining, and creatures and plants great and small, from our bull kelp forests and salmon, to our orcas and shellfish are at risk from the human impacts of stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats, and a changing climate; and

WHEREAS, we all have the power to protect our Puget Sound treasure, working together to discover and take clean water actions through the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign and the Year of the Salish Sea; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia will continue to support programs and efforts that build a culture of water protection and raise awareness of the threats facing Puget Sound; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim September 2022 as

PUGET SOUNDS STARTS HERE MONTH

in the City of Olympia and will join with other governing bodies, organizations and community groups to strengthen stewardship of our shared watershed and encourage all to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound and the greater Salish Sea.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*