## <u>PROCLAMATION</u>

WHEREAS, the Olympia Area Chinese Fellowship (OACF) was founded by Toy Kay in 1974 and has a membership of over 300 individuals, families, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the OACF is a non-profit community organization that promotes cultural exchange and education between the United States and China; and

WHEREAS, the OACF is dedicated to promoting traditional Chinese arts, theater, dance, storytelling, and holidays, teaching the Chinese language, and serving the community; and

WHEREAS, the OACF is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals are recognized for their contributions to the Olympia Chinese community:

- Toy Kay, founder
- Huibi Yao, opened a Chinese school in 1981
- Sheue-Lan Shyu, current principal and former teacher of the Olympia Chinese School
- Jim Wei, served as principal of the Olympia Chinese School
- Steve Xa, a pioneer of the Olympia Chinese School and served as president of OACF for five years
- Myint and Juliet Lwin; both served as president of OACF and supported the Olympia Chinese School; and

WHEREAS, these individuals represent only some of the many contributions made by individuals of Chinese heritage to our community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby gratefully recognize the efforts and contributions the Olympia Area Chinese Fellowship has shared with the citizens of Olympia over the past 40 years.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2014.

## **OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

Stephen H. Buxbaum Mayor