

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, 1984 was a banner year for women's running in the United States and around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the first US Women's Marathon Olympic Trials race was run in the greater Olympia area — encompassing Olympia, Tumwater, Lacey, and Thurston County; and*

*WHEREAS, women from across the nation, including six from Washington state, participated in the historic run; and*

*WHEREAS, the emergence of women in distance running and the history of women in sport was brought to the fore and shared in educational events featuring national experts in women's sports medicine and training in the week before the Trials race; and*

*WHEREAS, the greater Olympia area exhibited to the nation our community spirit, technical organizing expertise, welcoming hospitality, and the heart of more than 4,000 volunteers to produce a week of activities for our citizens and guests culminating in the Trials race; and*

*WHEREAS, the Trials route began in west Olympia and ended with approximately three miles through downtown Olympia and the thrilling finish line on Deschutes Parkway; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympia hosted the local organizing committee headquarters; collaborated with Intercity Transit to provide parking and shuttle locations; spruced up streets and sidewalks; was the site of two breakfasts hosted by community service organizations that served thousands on Marathon morning; provided safety services with police, fire and public works personnel; and participated in year-long event planning and coordination activities; and*

*WHEREAS, after the Trials many expressed congratulations for a very well-run event, but perhaps the most satisfying comment came from participant Debbie Chaddock who wrote, "Your greatest gift to us, however, was the enthusiasm and patience of every volunteer. . . all were continually helpful and friendly. If hospitality were an Olympic event, the people of Olympia would win a gold medal!"; and*

*WHEREAS, May 2019 is the 35th anniversary of the historic first Women's Marathon Trials event; and*

*WHEREAS, Joan Benoit Samuelson, winner of the Trials and the winner of the 1984 Women's Marathon at the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, along with other women who participated in the 1984 Trials, will return to Olympia to mark the anniversary; and,*

***WHEREAS, the Olympic Trials Legacy Committee will host several events in May celebrating women in sport, women as leaders, and the women of the 1984 Trials; and,***

***WHEREAS, the Capital City Marathon Association, which continues today to annually provide healthy running opportunities for more than 2,200 runners and is supported by local businesses, governments and over 500 volunteers, will celebrate the 1984 Trials run during its May Marathon Weekend; and***

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 17-19, 2019 as***

***WOMEN'S OLYMPIC MARATHON TRIALS  
CELEBRATION WEEKEND***

***And join Thurston County and our neighboring cities of Lacey and Tumwater in celebrating the tremendous contributions of our communities to the first Women's Marathon Olympic Trials that took place in 1984 and to the spirit of volunteerism and service that lives on.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2019.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***