

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, at various points during the past 35 years, Mark Foutch has served as community activist, neighborhood association president, City Councilmember, Mayor Pro Tem and Mayor in the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Eastside Neighborhood Association he advocated for the establishment of Bread and Roses homeless shelter, pedestrian safety measures at East 4th Avenue near Ralph's Thriftway, preservation of Legion Way's historic trees, and introduced the concept of a Neighborhood Association Recognition and Notification Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, as a Councilmember Mark encouraged the City's purchase of the Bigelow House and the establishment of the Bigelow House Preservation Association for the preservation, maintenance and restoration as a community resource for education about an important piece of Olympia's history; and

WHEREAS, as a Councilmember, Mark sponsored measures to protect community members from crimes motivated by race, color, religion, national origin and sexual preference and advocated for benefits for domestic partners; and

WHEREAS, as Councilmember and Mayor, Mark served on many boards and organizations including the Thurston Regional Planning Council, Cascadia (a multi-state organization promoting transportation, tourism, and trade among Northwest States), Puget Sound Regional Council (strenuously opposing a SeaTac third runway in Thurston County) and Intercity Transit (encouraging bike racks on buses, increased community participation and suggested the elimination of fares); and

WHEREAS, for 15 years Mark served on the Olympic Regional Clean Air Authority where during that time the agency subsidized the replacement of woodstoves for environmentally friendly models and the installation of catalytic converters on school and transit buses to eliminate almost all particulates from diesel; and

WHEREAS, Mark served on the Board of the Association of Washington Cities (AWC), including a term as President and because of his experience in the Capital City and the State during the Nisqually Earthquake, the AWC appointed him to the State Emergency Management Board; and

WHEREAS, Mark's suggestion for names of City facilities live on in the names of Cooper Point Road/Auto Mall Drive, Olympia-Yashiro Friendship Bridge and Lee Creighton Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, because of his military background Mark served as Council liaison to the Army and Air Force at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and the Navy at Bremerton and Bangor and was among the first group of community leaders appointed to JBLM's Civilian Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after his time on the City Council, Mark continued his civic activities as President of the Bigelow Museum and Olympia Historical Society and Board Member of All Aboard Washington to advance improved rail passenger facilities and services; and

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby
proclaim Saturday, July 29th, 2021 as***

MARK FOUTCH DAY

***in the City of Olympia and urges all community members to join them in honoring
Mark for his many contributions to City of Olympia and the State of Washington and in
extending our best wishes on the occasion of his 80th birthday.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 13th DAY OF JULY
2021.***

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***