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## City Council

### Proclamation Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Women's Olympic Trials

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**Title**

Proclamation Recognizing the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Olympic Trials

**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Proclaim May 12-19, 2024, as Historic Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Week in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Olympic Trials.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to proclaim May 12-19 as Historic Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Week in recognition of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Olympic Trials.

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**Presenter(s):**

Eileen Swarthout, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Women's Olympic Trials Committee Member

**Background and Analysis:**

In 1984, the City of Olympia was chosen to host the inaugural Women's Olympic Marathon Time Trials.

On May 12, 1984, about 50,000 spectators lined up to watch a total of 238 starters run the race, with all but 41 runners reaching the finish line. The race had its start and finish at Marathon Park, located in Downtown Olympia, and the marathon course stretched through Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater.

This year, 2024, marks the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trials and will be commemorated May 17 - 18 with a banquet and several events occurring in Olympia. The proclamation will proclaim May 12-19, 2024 Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Week.

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**Attachments:**

Proclamation