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## City Council

### Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing the Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Weekend

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**Title**

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**Recommended Action**

**Committee Recommendation:**

Not referred to a committee.

**City Manager Recommendation:**

Proclaim May 17-19 as Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Weekend.

**Report**

**Issue:**

Whether to proclaim May 17-19 as Women's Olympic Marathon Trials Celebration Weekend.

**Staff Contact:**

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**Presenter(s):**

Olympic Trials Legacy Committee Representative, Judy Hoefling  
Capital City Marathon Association, Judy Hartmann

**Background and Analysis:**

During this year's 38th running of the Capital City Marathon, the Capital City Marathon Association (CCMA) and Olympic Trials Legacy Committee will be commemorating the 35th anniversary of the first US Women's Marathon Olympic Trials hosted by the Olympia area community in 1984. Through various events, the CCMA will be recognizing the historic occasion.

Joan Benoit Samuelson, winner of the first-ever women's marathon trials and a gold medal winner during the 1984 Olympics (the first time the marathon was an Olympic event for women), will be in attendance during the weekend's events.

One of the key features of the 1984 Trials was the community welcoming and supporting the runners, which lives on with the enthusiasm of over 500 volunteers, sponsors, and cooperative public agencies supporting the Capital City Marathon every year. The CCMA will be highlighting these attributes during the month of May.

**Attachments:**

Proclamation

[Link to Capital City Marathon Webpage](#)