

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Early immigrants to the United States from Norway, who faced the new world alone or with few known friends, sought security and group assistance in this new land; and
- WHEREAS,** The Sons of Norway, one such mutual assistance program, was formed in Minnesota in the early 1890s as a result of a severe depression in the nation; and
- WHEREAS,** A West Coast Sons of Norway District was organized in 1903 in Seattle and a group of twenty-three men gathered in Poulsbo in 1916 to organize the local Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge; and
- WHEREAS,** As an indirect result of women's suffrage, the first nine women were accepted into membership in the Poulsbo Sons of Norway in 1923, making the lodge the center of activity for the residents of Poulsbo and the surrounding area, planning many events throughout the year, such as dances, Syttende Mai, carnivals, etc., to entertain these hardworking people; and
- WHEREAS,** From its beginning, the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge has provided civic and cultural events, first to Norwegians and eventually for all members of the community, and is celebrating its ninety-fifth year as a place for all cultures to gather to celebrate their various ethnicities,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby wish the Sons of Norway Lodge a Happy 95th birthday and proclaim September 25, 2011 as:

POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY DAY

In the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to visit the lodge and enjoy the activities of this remarkable organization.

DATED this 7th day of September 2011.


REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR