

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor to a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States and is the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and
- WHEREAS,** according to the Brain Injury Association of America, each year an estimated 1.7 million children and adults in the United States sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and another 795,000 individuals sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) from nontraumatic causes. TBIs can affect the functionality of the brain – affecting thinking, reasoning and memory; and
- WHEREAS,** most traumatic brain injuries could be prevented with the top causes including, falls, car crashes, struck by/against events, and assaults, and
- WHEREAS,** traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the war, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and
- WHEREAS,** an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges, and
- WHEREAS,** because of a lack of awareness about brain injury and the difficulty of diagnosing brain injury, many persons with brain injury live for years without recognizing and dealing with their injuries; and
- WHEREAS,** early, equal and adequate access to care greatly increases the overall quality of life and will enable individuals to return to home, school, work and community; and
- WHEREAS,** the State of Washington established the Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council to create a comprehensive plan to help individuals with traumatic brain injuries meet their needs; and
- WHEREAS,** March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote public awareness of the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of brain injury;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, hereby proclaim March 2017 as:

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

DATED this 24th day of February, 2017.



Rebecca Erickson, Mayor