

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation is observing May 17, 2018 as World Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Day to educate the public about this rare genetic disorder; and
- WHEREAS,** although over 2 million people around the world are living with NF and 1 in every 3,000 births is diagnosed with NF, it is still relatively unknown to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; and
- WHEREAS,** NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin; and
- WHEREAS,** the disorder can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation leads efforts to promote and financially sponsor world-class medical research aimed at finding effective treatments and, ultimately, a cure for NF; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation is actively fostering collaborative partnerships in both science and industry to speed the drug research and development process through a number of consortia called Synodos; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation proudly celebrates 40 years of driving research, expanding knowledge, and advancing care for the NF community, this year reflecting on the many key advancements in NF research that can be traced to the Foundation; and
- WHEREAS,** much remains to be done in raising public awareness of NF to help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 17, 2018, as

## WORLD NEUROFIBROMATOSIS (NF) AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018

  
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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor

