

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Race to Alaska (R2AK) is a no motor, no support, race through 750 miles of cold saltwater from Port Townsend to Ketchikan Alaska organized by Northwest Maritime Center; and
- WHEREAS,** eight women —Morgana Buell, Kelly Adamson Danielson, Allison Ekberg Dvaladze, Aimee Fulwell, Jeanne Assael Goussev, Haley King Lhamon, Kate Hearsey McKay, and Anna Stevens — joined together to form a team named *Sail Like a Girl*; and
- WHEREAS,** the team chose its name to promote women in boating and to show the world that sailing like a girl can be a badge of honor, requiring both physical and mental grit, courage, and determination; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 14, 2018 forty-two teams set out from Port Townsend facing uncertain winds and currents, ferocious tide rips, dense fog, and hazards such as partially submerged logs; and
- WHEREAS,** team members operated on three-hour rotations for sailing, eating, and maintenance chores, and became sleep-deprived despite being allocated six hours for sleep each night; and
- WHEREAS,** when the wind died, the current turned against them and other competitors stopped to wait out the weather, team *Sail Like a Girl* pushed on until they were able to reach the favorable winds blowing in Johnstone Strait; and
- WHEREAS,** on June 24, 2018, team *Sail Like a Girl* won the race by reaching Ketchikan ahead of the 20 other remaining teams; and
- WHEREAS,** by donating a portion of their prize money and engaging in and promoting further fundraising, Team *Sail Like a Girl* has raised many thousands of dollars for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby honor

### TEAM SAIL LIKE A GIRL FOR THEIR 2018 RACE TO ALASKA WIN

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Erickson".

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor