

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



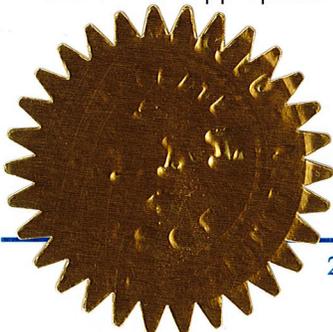
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The City of Poulsbo recognizes that in order to fully honor and embrace its rich Scandinavian history and traditions, it is necessary to recognize the history, traditions, customs, and culture of the indigenous people from whence they came; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sámi people are indigenous people of Sámi, which today encompasses large parts of Norway and Sweden, northern parts of Finland, and the Murmansk Oblast of Russia, and the Sámi people have lived on those lands since time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sámi people, in recent history, have begun to enjoy a positive relationship with the colonizing governments of Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia, but despite these relationships, there are disparities in the fair treatment of the Sámi people, as well as ongoing prejudice, discrimination and violations of indigenous rights, and there is insufficient acknowledgment of the historical destruction of their culture; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Poulsbo values the many contributions the Sámi people have made to the communities of our ancestors, with their knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural influences which have helped shape the character of our city; and
- WHEREAS,** on February 6, 1917 the first Sámi congress was held in Trondheim, Norway, and in 1992, at the 15th Sámi Conference in Helsinki, Finland, as resolution was passed that the Day of the Sámi People should be celebrated on this day; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Poulsbo joins Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Russia, in recognizing the sixth of February as the Day of the Sámi People, creating an opportunity to promote tolerance, understanding, appreciation and friendship amongst all people; now therefore,

I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim the sixth day of February, as

DAY OF THE SÁMI PEOPLE

And call upon the citizens of Poulsbo and the surrounding area to celebrate the cultures and values of the indigenous people of Scandinavia, to learn more about the history of the Sámi people, and to observe the occasion with appropriate programs, ceremonies, activities, and the flying of the Sámi National Flag.



Dated this 8th day of January, 2019



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