

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the International Sons of Norway organization began in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 16, 1895 to provide a safety net for Norwegian families struck by illness or death; and
- WHEREAS,** Norwegians in the West, recognizing the need and having been denied membership in the Grand Lodge in Minnesota, organized the West Coast Grand Lodge in Seattle on April 26, 1903; and
- WHEREAS,** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1916 a group of twenty-seven men gathered at the modern Woodmen Hall in Poulsbo and organized the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge No. 2-044 and the document was signed on June 4, 1916; and
- WHEREAS,** as women's suffrage began taking hold in America, the first nine women were accepted into membership in Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge No. 2-044 on January 9, 1923 forever changing the organization; and
- WHEREAS,** over the last hundred years, besides promoting the consumption of lutefisk and lefse, the Poulsbo Sons of Norway Lodge has provided leadership, fun, cultural experiences, and entertainment to both members and others in the community through dances, carnivals, dinners, Viking Fest booths and smorgasbords as well as many other special events;

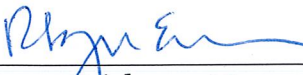
**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, hereby proclaim June 4, 2016 as:

### ***POULSBO SONS OF NORWAY LODGE NO. 2-044 DAY***

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to wish the lodge a most **HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!!**

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016



  
Rebecca Erickson, Mayor