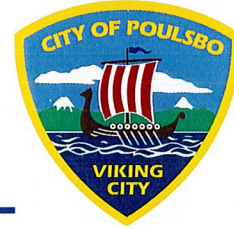


# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poulsbo honors caring adult mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs make our communities and our state stronger; and

**WHEREAS**, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem and growth of a young person; and

**WHEREAS**, students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52 percent less likely than their peers to skip a day of school and youth who face an opportunity gap but have a mentor are 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and

**WHEREAS**, youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46 percent less likely than their peers to start using drugs and 27 percent less likely to start drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of adults consider it highly important for young people to have mentors and that same population estimates that only a quarter of youth have the mentors they need; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 9 in 10 feel that more mentoring is needed in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that 44 percent of adults are not yet mentoring but are willing to consider it and mentoring is poised for growth. 18- to 29-year-olds are more than twice as likely to cite having had a mentor in their childhood than those over 50; and

**WHEREAS**, almost half of today's young adults report having a mentor in their youth and those rates appear to have been rising steadily over the past several decades, and

**WHEREAS**, National Mentoring Month is the time of year where engagement from community members interested in becoming a mentor is highest and an opportunity to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring in communities across the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington**, do hereby proclaim January 2021, as

## NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.  
Dated this 4th day of January, 2021.



  
Rebecca Erickson, Mayor