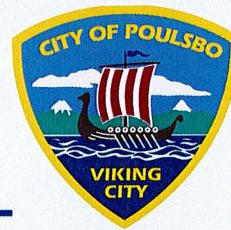


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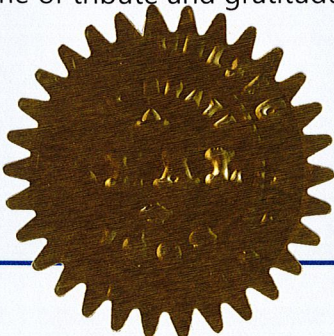
Honoring Ardis Jensen Morrow for a Century of Public Service

- WHEREAS,** on May 8, 2025, Ardis Jensen Morrow will celebrate the remarkable milestone of her 100th birthday—a century marked by a life of deep purpose and extraordinary service; and
- WHEREAS,** Ardis Jensen Morrow lived through the hardscrabble years of the Great Depression and World War II, during which time she married Bert Morrow and raised two sons. Her dedication to family soon extended into community engagement, beginning with her work on the Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America for Alaska, Montana, and Washington State; and
- WHEREAS,** Ardis's commitment to public service only grew stronger over the years. She served as PTA President and Legislative Chair, was a member and Chair of the North Kitsap School District Board—where she was instrumental in founding Poulsbo's original Marine Science Center—and went on to serve as Kingston Port Commissioner, as well as president of numerous civic clubs and community organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** drawing on a lifetime of leadership and advocacy, Ardis turned personal tragedy into powerful change after her great-grandnephew Eli Creekmore was killed by his father in 1986—a time when the State of Washington lacked sufficient tools to prevent such abuse. Ardis worked tirelessly with the State Legislature over several years to enact critical reforms, culminating in the landmark "**Eli's Law**". She then led efforts in Kitsap County and through the Poulsbo Rotary Club to create and support proactive domestic violence programs, short-term emergency shelters, and long-term housing solutions for victims; and
- WHEREAS,** in recognition of her tireless advocacy and transformative impact, Ardis Jensen Morrow has received numerous honors, including the 2002 Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award, the 2003 YWCA of Kitsap County Woman of Achievement Award, and the prestigious 2006 Washington State City Club President Jefferson Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, proudly proclaim the week of May 8, 2025, as:

ARDIS JENSEN MORROW WEEK

A time of tribute and gratitude for a truly extraordinary woman whose legacy continues to inspire generations.



Dated this 21st day of April, 2025.

Rebecca Erickson, Mayor