

# City of Poulsbo

*Office of Mayor Rebecca Erickson*



## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Liberty Bay provided early Scandinavian settlers with opportunities for fishing and boatbuilding, forming the foundation of Poulsbo's community; and
- WHEREAS,** Poulsbo's location on the bay made steamships vital to its early growth and connection to Puget Sound; and
- WHEREAS,** Commercial fishing and canneries, including the Pacific Coast Codfish Company—the largest on the West Coast—drove Poulsbo's economy and employed many residents; and
- WHEREAS,** Poulsbo has been and continues to be home to independent commercial fisherman that at one point numbered over 80 vessels that fished for salmon, halibut, and cod; and
- WHEREAS,** other maritime industries flourished in the City of Poulsbo including boat builders Chris Haugen, Martin Bjermeland, Ronald Young in his basement shop on Front Street, and many others; and
- WHEREAS,** the members of the Poulsbo Historical Society identified the need to share the heritage and artifacts from the Pacific Coast Codfishing Company, and from many of the commercial fisherman, and boat builders that resided in Poulsbo so that future generations could see, touch, and learn about the maritime heritage that plays a large part in the history of Poulsbo; and
- WHEREAS,** the community came together and established the Poulsbo Maritime Museum whose grand opening was September 12, 2015;

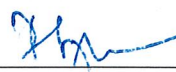
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington,** do hereby proclaim September 12, 2025, as:

## MARITIME DAY

In the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of the maritime heritage in building the City of Poulsbo and celebrating a decade of the Poulsbo Maritime Museum.



Dated this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2025.

  
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Rebecca Erickson, Mayor