

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Parent Leadership strengthens communities by promoting resilience, nurturing positive child development, and reducing the likelihood of Adverse Childhood Experiences through connection, consistency, and community support; and

WHEREAS, Parent-Community Partnership is essential to building protective factors, promoting well-being, and creating resilient communities where all children can thrive; and

WHEREAS, parents across our communities contribute their wisdom, lived experience, and leadership to create stronger, safer, and more connected places for children and families; and

WHEREAS, authentic Parent Leadership occurs when parents are meaningfully engaged as partners and supported and invited into leadership to share their lived expertise in shaping policies, programs, and practices that strengthen families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the vision of resilient, thriving communities is advanced when parents have access to support, training, and opportunities that enable them to participate in the planning, implementation, oversight, and evaluation of initiatives that impact families; and

WHEREAS, local organizations such as Kitsap Strong, regional partners including the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), and national partners such as the Children's Trust Fund Alliance are committed to fostering equitable, strengths-based environments where parents are valued contributors, and where collaboration between parents, community stakeholders, and decision-makers leads to more responsive and effective supports for families; and

WHEREAS, parents across the state and nation demonstrate leadership by partnering with others to create stronger, safer communities where all children can flourish; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month provides an opportunity to recognize, honor, and celebrate the vital role of Parent Leaders in their homes, communities, and broader systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as:

NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH

and encourage all residents, partners, and organizations to observe this month by honoring Parent Leaders and continuing to expand meaningful opportunities for parent partnership.



Dated this 20th day of January 2026.

Edward (Ed) Stern, Mayor