

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCLAMATION POLICY FOR THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA**

WHEREAS, the City of Walla Walla passed Municipal Ordinance A-2405 on May 13, 1970 which classified the City of Walla Walla as a nonchartered code city under Title 35A of the Revised Code Washington (RCW); and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.01.010 gives optional code cities organized under RCW Title 35A have the broadest powers of local self-government consistent with the Constitution of this state; and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.21.160 provides in pertinent part that “[a] code city organized ... under this title shall have all of the powers which any city of any class may have and shall be governed in matters of state concern by statutes applicable to such cities in connection with such powers to the extent to which such laws are appropriate and are not in conflict with the provisions specifically applicable to code cities;” and

WHEREAS, RCW 35A.11.020 provides in pertinent part that “[t]he legislative body of each code city shall have all powers possible for a city or town to have under the Constitution of this state, and not specifically denied to code cities by law;” and

WHEREAS, proclamations are an opportunity for the City Council to recognize and celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Walla Walla citizens and non-profit organizations, honor occasions of importance and significance, and increase public awareness of issues to improve the well-being of the people of this City; and

WHEREAS, the Walla Walla City Council has reviewed this matter during a regularly called public meeting of said Council, has given said matter careful review and consideration, and finds that passage of this resolution is an appropriate function for the city and that the best interests of the City of Walla Walla will be served by passage of this resolution,

**NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Walla Walla resolves as follows:**


***Section 1:*** The Walla Walla City Council hereby adopts the following policies governing requests for issuance of City of Walla Walla proclamations:

- A. Requests should be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the due date to the City Clerk’s office. The City Clerk will email the draft proclamation to Council to determine if there are any objections.
- B. All requests should clearly include the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request, as well as the name of the person(s) that will be accepting the proclamation at the Council meeting. If no one will be present to

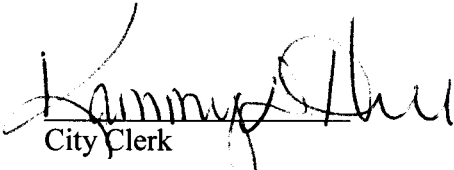
personally accept the proclamation, the reading of the proclamation at the meeting will be dispensed with, and it will be mailed to the requestor or designee.

- C. Requests shall include draft proclamation language and background information about the local event, exceptional person(s), non-profit organization, or occasions of importance.
- D. Renewal requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- E. Requests for out of City events or for-profit causes will be denied.
- F. National or International groups requesting proclamations must have an in-city sponsor.
- G. Submission of a request does not guarantee issuance of a proclamation. Greetings from the Mayor or other forms of recognition may be issued when a proclamation request does not meet the guidelines.

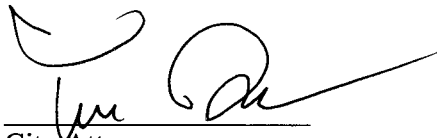
**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Walla Walla, Washington, April 13, 2022.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney