



## **PROCLAMATION PUGET SOUND STARTS HERE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, we resolve to protect Puget Sound and its tributaries which are the source of our communities' wellbeing, health, economy and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge that we are on the land of the Coast Salish People of the Water, who have stewarded this land from time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound defines our Northwest culture, as do our indigenous people's stories, our tribal Treaty responsibilities, and our shared legacy for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of Puget Sound is declining, and creatures and plants great and small, from our bull kelp forests, and salmon, to our orcas and shellfish and creatures are at risk from the human impacts of stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats, and a changing climate; and

**WHEREAS**, we all have the power to protect our Puget Sound treasure, work together to discover and take clean water actions through the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, in the month of September City of Lake Forest Park will join with other governing bodies, organizations and community groups to strengthen stewardship of our shared watershed and encourage all to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as:

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in the city of Lake Forest Park and urge all residents to support clean water and healthy habitat by joining us in this special observance and discover how to make a difference and be part of the solution!

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022.

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Jeff Johnson, Mayor