

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-03

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE MCCLEARY BEAR FESTIVAL.**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, 1959 was the first Second Growth Festival, so named by Elmer and Vesta Cole with their winning submission. Second Growth refers to both the regrowth of Douglas Fir trees and the rebirth of the city; and

WHEREAS, Norman “Pop” Porter, the editor of the McCleary Stimulator, challenged former employee Roy Croft to the first bear cookoff after bragging in his newspaper in Stevenson that Skamania County had better bear. Mason County also joined in the event; and

WHEREAS, some of the first events were the Friday night street dance, a frog jumping contest, Little League baseball games, a hole-in-one golf tournament, carnival attractions and a parade. Parade themes were “Second Growth” and Keep Grays Harbor Green”; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the citizens of the City of McCleary to honor the tradition of the McCleary Bear Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS MILLER, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF McCLEARY, do hereby proclaim the week of July 7th 2024 as McCleary Bear Festival Week in the City of McCleary. I encourage our citizens to support this great tradition by taking the time to come down to the city downtown center and support those participating in the various

events.

ISSUED THIS 2ND DAY JULY, 2024.

CITY OF McCLEARY:

CHRIS MILLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNA AMSBURY, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN COKER
City Attorney