



# *City of Stevenson*

## **Main Street Week Mayoral Proclamation – 2023-01**

**WHEREAS**, downtowns and main streets are the heart of our communities across Washington state and a testament to the resilience of our small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Main Street Program is a statewide effort to help main street businesses, revitalize downtowns, foster local pride and maintain community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, designated Washington Main Street Communities represent, as a group, the second largest private sector employers in the state, supporting over 65,000 jobs in nearly 7,000 businesses that generate nearly \$10 billion in revenue annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Stevenson is a designated Washington Main Street Community since 2019, operated by the non-profit Stevenson Downtown Association and its volunteer Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stevenson Downtown Association partners with organizations and community members to implement an award winning downtown Main Street revitalization program including the Stevenson Sreatery, Stevenson Farmers Market, Spruce Up Stevenson, Bricks & Clicks Grants, Downtown Holiday Lighting, Plaid Friday, Stevenson Sandwich Smackdown, promotional activities, community volunteerism, and more; and

**WHEREAS**, downtown Stevenson is home to 70 businesses, including 5 new businesses in 2022, and the Stevenson Downtown Association has awarded 35 Bricks & Clicks Grants to downtown businesses and property owners since 2020 to improve the downtown experience;

**WHEREAS**, community volunteers gave 1206 hours to Stevenson Main Street projects and programs in 2022, an investment of time worth \$36,120;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Scott Anderson, Mayor of the City of Stevenson, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2023 as

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and encourage the people of Stevenson and area residents to join with Main Street communities across the state of Washington and recognize this special observance.

Signed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

Mayor Scott Anderson