

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater recognizes that an understanding, use, and application of geospatial technology is crucial to operating our infrastructure, sustaining our natural resources, and stimulating economic growth, thus, benefitting the welfare of the general public throughout the South Puget Sound region; and

*WHEREAS*, geographic information systems (GIS) technology allows us to see and model complex relationships and patterns to more intelligently respond; and

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to promote GIS awareness, education, and technical training to use this rapidly developing technology to its full potential; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater acknowledges those that have chosen GIS as their profession or as part of their discipline to improve the lives of our residents; and

*WHEREAS*, to recognize and support the efforts of partners who work on activities to improve environmental sustainability, human services, and various humanitarian efforts to better our world; and

*WHEREAS*, having a day of GIS training activities open to staff and government leaders will help promote spatial thinking and a better understanding of the use of these decision-making tools; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater is committed to utilizing GIS to inform decision-making and better serve its residents and make useful geographic information open and easily available to the community as a platform for innovation;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim

*November 15, 2023*

*GIS Day*

and I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to learn about the GIS applications and data available on our website, and encourage geospatial education in our community.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Sullivan".

*Debbie Sullivan*  
*Mayor*