

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, the City of Tumwater is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City; and

*WHEREAS*, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

*WHEREAS*, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

*WHEREAS*, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

*WHEREAS*, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

*WHEREAS*, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

*WHEREAS*, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

*WHEREAS*, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home!” serves to focus on lithium-ion batteries to better educate the public about how to buy, charge, and dispose of them safely.

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

*October 5, 2025 - October 11, 2025*

*Fire Prevention Week*

and I urge all residents and businesses in the City of Tumwater to heed these messages and to support the efforts of the Tumwater Fire Department and other emergency services to keep us safe from fires and in times of medical emergencies.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 7th day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*

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*Mayor*