Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tumwater honors the strength and sacrifices of our veterans and active military members whose service is essential to our national security and freedom, and the families, caregivers, and survivors of veterans during the month of November; and

WHEREAS, November is a time to acknowledge the tremendous sacrifices our veterans and military families make. Washington is home to more than 500,000 veterans; 56,000 Active Duty military; 17,000 National Guard and Reserves; and their supportive families; and

WHEREAS, our veterans and service members are brave and selfless individuals who respond when called to duty. Their abiding patriotism and enduring devotion to the ideals on which the United States is founded are both necessary and inspiring. To be a service member and a veteran is to have endured and survived challenges most Americans will never know; and

WHEREAS, to be a military family is to sacrifice more for our country than most Americans will ever give. Military families endure separation from their loved ones and adjust to new living situations with short notice and as frequently as every two to three years; and

WHEREAS, there are currently more than 1.2 million military children of active-duty members worldwide and nearly 80% of military children attend public schools throughout the United States. Washington state educators currently work with 32,000 military families and have to know how to help kids cope with stress, deployment of their parent(s), the impact of grief and loss, discuss violence, terrorism, and war, and the anticipation of their loved one(s) returning home; and

WHEREAS, support for military families sustains our fighting force and strengthens the health, security, and safety of our communities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the month of

November 2026

National Veterans and Military Families Month

and I encourage people to join me in recognizing and supporting our veterans and military families, who embody strength, resilience, courage, and whose experiences enrich our community.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 20th day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-six.

Leatta Dahlhoff

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Mayor