

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Don Trosper, the Olympia Tumwater Foundation Public History Manager, recently announced his retirement from the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, as a relative of Jesse Ferguson, one of the original founding American pioneer settlers of Tumwater, Don still lives on a portion of the homestead on Trosper Road that his uncle Jesse purchased in 1892; and

WHEREAS, Don has promoted the pioneer history of Tumwater through his volunteer work for the Tumwater Historical Association, including the publication of four booklets on the pioneer history of Tumwater: 1985 - "The Founding of Tumwater", 1987 - "New Market", 1992 - "Fortress Tumwater", and 1995 - "The Train Stops Here"; and

WHEREAS, more recently, as part of his work at the Foundation, Don published a book on the history of Tumwater entitled "The Tumwater We Never Knew - For people who love history, but don't realize it yet". Sales of this book have raised over \$15,000 for the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Don, through financial support from the City of Tumwater, has organized and presented many noontime history talks at the Schmidt House, narrated walking tours of Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls, researched and narrated a number of short stories for the City's website, and provided a living history character presence at many community events; and

WHEREAS, Don has served over 21 years on the City of Tumwater's Historic Preservation Commission, and in this role has helped shaped the preservation of the Old Brewhouse Tower, the Brewmaster's and Crosby houses, and the Union Pioneer Calvary Cemetery on Littlerock Road; and

WHEREAS, Don is known for his humorous quips and quotes such as when Don is asked if he's lived in Tumwater his entire life, he often says "not yet".

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

June 21, 2022
Don Trosper Day

and I encourage the people of Tumwater to join me in wishing Don a long and healthy retirement, as he continues to promote the history of Tumwater as a consultant to the Foundation, and through his many other contributions.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, this 21st day of June in the year, two thousand twenty-two.




Debbie Sullivan
Mayor