

# *Proclamation*

*WHEREAS*, the Week without Driving was established in 2021 in Washington State by the Disability Mobility Initiative of Disability Rights Washington so those who have the option to drive can learn firsthand about barriers and challenges that nondrivers face; and

*WHEREAS*, mobility is a fundamental part of health, safety, and community connection; and

*WHEREAS*, non-drivers include aging adults, youth, students, low-income individuals, people with physical, mental, intellectual, or developmental disabilities, and people who prefer not to drive; and

*WHEREAS*, a third of the people residing in Washington state do not have a driver's license; and

*WHEREAS*, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the cost of owning a car is approximately 72 cents per mile, with average household spending of \$10,961 a year in 2021; and

*WHEREAS*, improvements in walking and bike paths in Tumwater improves mobility for residents who cannot or do not drive to get around to visit family and friends and take care of everyday tasks; and

*WHEREAS*, transportation represents the second largest greenhouse gas emission source in Thurston County, which we must reduce to meet our City, region, and state greenhouse gas emission reduction goals; and

*WHEREAS*, going a week without driving provides an opportunity to gain lived experience to understand how we can meet the needs of all Tumwater residents.

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

*September 29- October 5, 2025*

*Week Without Driving*

and I encourage all people in the City of Tumwater to participate in the Week Without Driving inclusive of our walking audit on September 30, 2025.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 16th day of September in the year, two thousand twenty-five.



*Debbie Sullivan*

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*Mayor*