

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world, and is among the oldest public servants; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Clerks Week was initiated in 1969 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) and endorsed by all of its members throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries. In 1984 and 1994, Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, respectively, signed Proclamations officially declaring Municipal Clerks Week the first full week of May and recognizing the essential role Municipal Clerks play in local government; and

WHEREAS, IIMC is pleased to announce the 57th Annual Municipal Clerks Week May 3 through May 9, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and serves as the information center on functions of local government and community; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater benefits from the dedicated public service of those who perform the vital functions of Municipal Clerk, including: City Clerk Melody Valiant, Deputy City Clerk Tracie Core and several staff members who serve as liaisons to City boards, commissions and committees.

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

May 3-9, 2026
57th Municipal Clerks Week

and, I call upon the people of the City of Tumwater to celebrate all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent;

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 21st day of April in the year two thousand twenty-six.



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Mayor