

City of Vancouver, Washington **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver recognizes the rich cultural heritage and invaluable contributions of the Chuukese community to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our diverse city; and

WHEREAS, Chuukese Americans have enriched our community through their traditions, languages, and enduring spirit of community solidarity, contributing significantly to the vibrant multicultural tapestry that defines our city; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to honor, preserve, and educate others about the rich history and cultural contributions of the Chuukese people, promoting understanding and appreciation among all city residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver is committed to fostering an inclusive, equitable environment where all individuals, including those of Chuukese descent, feel valued, understood, and empowered to participate fully in community life; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of solidarity and support for all communities, especially those that have faced historical and systemic barriers, aligns with our city's broader goals of equity, inclusion, and social justice; and

WHEREAS, today marks an occasion to celebrate the strength, resilience, and cultural heritage of the Chuukese community, encouraging all community members to learn about and appreciate the rich Chuukese culture and its contributions to our collective community life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 13th of May as:

“ Chuukese Heritage and Unity Day”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to join in this celebration. Let us recognize, honor, and uplift the Chuukese community and their contributions, fostering a community of mutual respect, understanding, and unity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 13th day of May 2024

Anne McEnerny-Ogle
ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR