

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, July 2nd is the birthday of activist and pioneering local elected leader, Jim Moeller. This day presents an opportunity to celebrate his advocacy for the community; and
- WHEREAS, as a community leader, Jim Moeller utilized his personality and organizing skills to build a campaign that would uplift the LGBTQ2S+ community in coalition with other residents who felt unheard. This campaign resulted in his election in 1995 as the first openly gay municipal official in Vancouver; and
- WHEREAS, Jim took his seat on the Vancouver City Council and served from 1996 to 2002 and then represented the 49th District in the Washington State Legislature for 14 years; and
- WHEREAS, while serving in local office, Jim advocated for the LGBTQ2S+ community by spearheading another historic win: He introduced Domestic Partner Health Benefits for the City of Vancouver, which was approved. He was also a leader who sought out projects and policies that uplifted all residents in his city; and
- WHEREAS, Jim's work tackled Transportation, Labor & Workforce Development, Community and Economic Development & Trade, and Healthcare & Wellness. Jim was a skilled champion of civic engagement, getting people involved in issues big and small at the local level with his upbeat and cheerful persona; and
- WHEREAS, The Columbian Editorial Board called him "straightforward, thoughtful, strong, curious, and engaged;" and
- WHEREAS, Jim Moeller served not just as an advocate for LGBTQ2S+ people but as a leader who served all of his constituents. Celebrated as a forerunner, Jim's goal was simply to serve the community. Representative Moeller was a tireless advocate for addressing the gaps in city policy and standing up for his residents. He was a proponent of positive change and a leader who wanted what was best for the people, with his ever-present bow tie, gentle smile, and twinkling eyes; and
- WHEREAS, Jim's accomplishments, openness, and dedication to the community will remain a lasting legacy to our state, the region, and Vancouver, which honors him tonight.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the City of Vancouver's profound recognition and appreciation for Jim Moeller's many years of civic and community services on behalf of our residents, community, state, and beyond.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 26th day of June, 2023.

Anne McEnery-Ogle

ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR