

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY) and the Washington School for the Deaf serve the state of Washington and our community to support education of Deaf and hard of hearing students; and

WHEREAS, the fourth week of September is recognized internationally as an opportunity for communities to come together and recognize Deaf individuals, their language and culture, as well as their accomplishments and goals for the future; and

WHEREAS, our community is enriched by American Sign Language, which is communicated through hands, facial expressions, and body movements; and

WHEREAS, we recognize every Deaf individual as a human being who can do anything like everybody else and the Deaf community as a vibrant cultural group with a rich history and language, contributing to the diversity of the Vancouver community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim the week of September 19-25, 2023, as:

“Deaf Awareness Week”

in the City of Vancouver and encourage all community members to join in this observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 18th day of September, 2023.

Anne McEnery-Ogle

ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR