## City of Vancouver, Washington Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire creates a positive influence in the Vancouver community by generously volunteering their time to raise funds to support charitable organizations that serve LGBTQ people in Southwest Washington; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire are devoted to serving and representing the LGBTQIA+ Community, working to increase visibility, build community and celebrate all sexual and gender diversity in SW Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire raises funds to support local LGBTQIA+ charities including Martha's Pantry, the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund, the Pride of the Rose Scholarship Fund, the Queer Youth Resource Center of Vancouver and more, contributing more than \$300,000 since their founding; and

WHEREAS, Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire celebrates its Golden Anniversary of the founding of the court and crown its next Emperor(x) and Empress(x) a Coronation 50; and

WHEREAS, the Vancouver City Council commends the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire and recognizes the service provided by the court that will continue to have a positive impact on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the 27<sup>th</sup> day in April as:

## "Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire's Day"

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Raintree Empire and ask the community to support the members of this organization, who to this day, are providing meaningful service to our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 22nd day of April 2024.

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ANNE MCENERNY-OSTE, MAYOR