

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Each year, Americans commemorate those events 248 years ago, when on July 2nd 1776, the Second Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later- on July 4, 1776- delegates from the original thirteen colonies ratified the Declaration of Independence; and
- WHEREAS, The Declaration of Independence set forth our founders' guiding principles for seeking independence and, with its adoption, the colonies announced the official formation of an independent nation; The United States of America; and
- WHEREAS, We recognize that at the time of our Nation's creation, the principles of freedom and equality were not guaranteed to all people, and generations of Americans have fought, and sacrificed, to move the United States towards the ideals of our Nation; and
- WHEREAS, The City is committed to ensuring that America lives up to its foundational promises as a symbol of strength, freedom, courage, and a beacon of hope for all by welcoming people of all nationalities, races, religions, sexual orientation, and gender identities; and
- WHEREAS, Throughout history, the cause of freedom has been the most important objective of people who seek a better life; we take this opportunity to reflect upon this our nation's founding message of equality, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, and we recommit ourselves to these principles and extend them to others who deserve the opportunity to thrive in a free and democratic society.
- WHEREAS, As our community celebrates this Independence Day, we honor the sacrifices made by generations of Americans, and to uphold the nation's values of equality and freedom for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim
4th day in July as:

“ Independence Day”

in the City of Vancouver and call upon the people of Vancouver to honor this observance with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 1st day of July 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR