

# *City of Vancouver, Washington*

## **Proclamation**

- WHEREAS, “Joyo City, a Place of Natural Beauty and Tranquility” has become a vibrant, comfortable, and convenient residential city making the best use of its natural resources; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver, through its Council, in its establishment of the Joyo Sister City Program in October 1995, has established a lasting friendship between the people of the community and Joyo City, Japan; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver values international trade, tourism and economic development between Vancouver and other cities of the world; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver’s Sister City relationship with Joyo enhances our community’s economic, social, cultural, and educational relationships by expanding interest, communication and understanding; and
- WHEREAS, a delegation representing Joyo City, the Joyo International Exchange Association, and the Joyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry has traveled to Vancouver to celebrate our long-standing friendship; and
- WHEREAS, the Sister City relationship between Vancouver and Joyo is nearly three decades strong, and it continues to strengthen as we enjoy these cultural and social exchanges. We are honored to welcome the delegation from Joyo back to Vancouver.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby acknowledge our longstanding friendship with the City of Joyo and ask our community to extend our warmest welcome to our friends from  
Joyo City Japan, Vancouver’s Sister City.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 8th day of July 2024.

*Anne McEnery-Ogle*  
**ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR**