

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the global population of people aged 60 and older is expected to grow from 600 million in 2000 to almost 2 billion by 2050; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, the population of people aged 65 and over is expected to grow from 35 million in 2000 to 88.5 million by 2050, taking the total share of the 65+ population from 12 percent to 20 percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, in Puyallup, 17 percent of the total estimated 36,312 population in households is over age 60; and

WHEREAS, research shows that older Americans overwhelmingly want to remain in their homes and communities as they age; and

WHEREAS, access to quality health care, affordable housing, transportation, and other community services is essential for individuals to live in their homes and to stay in their communities; and

WHEREAS, active aging is a life-long process, whereby an age-friendly community is not just “elder-friendly” but also intended to be friendly for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities to encourage and promote public policies to increase the number of cities and communities that support healthy aging and thereby improve the health, well-being, satisfaction, and quality of life for older Americans; and

WHEREAS, as Puyallup residents stay healthier and active longer, Puyallup is committed to adapting to the needs of the changing demographics to serve the interests of residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, as an age-friendly community, we will intentionally take the lead in optimizing opportunities for all ages; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Puyallup, Washington, on behalf of the City Council and the City of Puyallup, do hereby proclaim that the City of Puyallup is committed to promoting, creating, and sustaining communities for all ages.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Puyallup to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2016.



John Hopkins, Mayor