

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Mark Bond, a Mill Creek community member since 1990, has served on the City Council from January 2004 through June 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time on Council the City grew from less than 13,000 to over 21,000 citizens through the 2005 northeast annexation and many quality development projects; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time he worked with Council to develop the Mill Creek Town Center, an award-winning shopping and gathering destination that features many fine retail shops and restaurants, and the East Gateway Urban Village, providing housing, services, the Mill Creek Senior Center, public spaces, progressive retailers, and the city's first hotel space; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his passion to develop activities for young people he advocated for the development of the Mill Creek Sports Park as a home for youth sports leagues and City recreation programs, and supported the establishment of neighborhood parks including Hillside, Cougar, Exploration, and Buffalo Parks, serving citizens of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, highlights during his Council tenure included the building of the Veterans Monument at Library Park, and the establishment of the Veteran's Day parade and other events that bring us together to honor and recognize every aspect of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure he has advanced improvements to our transportation infrastructure including the 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge, enhancements to the safety and aesthetics of our streetscapes throughout the City, and supported improved connections to regional destinations through fast frequent transit service; and

**WHEREAS**, he was the Council representative on the Snohomish County Health Board, and deepened and continued his commitment to law enforcement and emergency response services by serving on the Joint Fire Board and the City's Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' (LEOFF) 1 Disability Board; and

**WHEREAS**, he has been a consistent and thoughtful voice on the Council for enhancements to the equipment and processes employed by the Mill Creek Police Department in keeping our community safe, including the implementation of the departments less lethal Taser program, Canine, SWAT and Traffic Safety units; and

**WHEREAS**, through his efforts he has always worked to foster an exceptional community experience, provide recreational opportunities for people of all ages, and ensure the preservation of a safe, clean and well-maintained community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Brian Holtzclaw the Mayor of the City of Mill Creek, on behalf of the City Council do hereby thank you and honor you for your service to our great City.



Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022

Brian Holtzclaw, Mayor

Attest

Naomi Fay, City Clerk

Stephanie Vignal, Mayor Pro Tem