

## Saluting the International Day of the Girl 2019

WHEREAS, the **International Day of the Girl** was established by the United Nations to recognize the rights of women and girls as human rights; and

WHEREAS, the theme of **International Day of the Girl 2019** is “**GirlForce: Unscripted and Unstoppable**”; and

WHEREAS, girls’ movements worldwide are stopping child marriage, promoting girls’ education, standing against gender-based violence, demanding action on climate change, tackling issues of self-esteem, and standing up for girls’ rights to participate in the community and attend school during menstruation; and

WHEREAS, the **International Day of the Girl** supports all girls and amplifies their voices to stand up for their rights; and

WHEREAS, more girls worldwide are attending and completing school, are gaining the skills they need to excel in the future world of work; and

WHEREAS, girls are breaking boundaries and barriers posed by stereotypes and exclusion, including those directed at children with disabilities and those living in marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, the **International Day of the Girl** is a year-long effort to bring together partners and stakeholders to equip girls with the power, knowledge and space to continue to voice their passions and concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Spokane City Council that we hereby salute **International Day of the Girl** and commits the City of Spokane to creating more opportunities for girls’ voices to be heard and safe spaces for their participation in decision-making, as leading change for girls is all our responsibility.

I, Ben Stuckart, Spokane City Council President,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October in 2019



Ben Stuckart  
Spokane City Council President