

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Deaf Awareness Week was first celebrated by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in 1958 and is also known as the International Week of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, the event's purpose is to acknowledge American Sign Language (ASL) as the primary communication mode for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities and emphasize the need for full communication access for all settings so all of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities are part of the society and not marginalized; and

WHEREAS, Deaf Awareness Week is an opportunity for children and adults in Spokane to learn about programs, services, education, and self-advocacy available to them through the Washington Advocacy of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim September 20-26, 2020 as

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

in Spokane and urge all citizens to recognize the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community as an important part of the City of Spokane.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
18th day of September 2020.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

