

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Byron Christian Riblet was born at Osage, Iowa, on February 20, 1865 and moved to Spokane in 1886, spending most of his life as a productive, contributing member of our community; and

WHEREAS, Byron platted much of early Spokane and the surrounding areas; designed 40 miles of electric rail lines throughout the city; designed the Ross Park Electric Railway and powerhouse, the first to use electricity in the city; served as designing engineer for the City of Spokane's waterworks at Upriver Dam; and brought other recognition and acclaim to Spokane with the creation of the Riblet Tramway Company that improved aerial tramways for the transport of mining materials, becoming the world's leading manufacturer of aerial mining trams and ski chairlifts; and

WHEREAS, Byron passed away on July 5, 1952, and his ashes were placed at Fairmount Memorial Park in storage and in 2021, the Spokane Historical Monument Committee and Fairmount Memorial Association collaborated with family members to have the ashes interred within a monument in memory of one of Spokane's earliest prominent citizens and his family:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2021 as

BYRON CHRISTIAN RIBLET RECOGNITION DAY

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 August 2021.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

