

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Deaf Awareness Week was first celebrated by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the event is also known as the International Week of the Deaf. Its purpose is to acknowledge American Sign Language (ASL) as the primary communication mode for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities. It's important to emphasize the full communication access for all settings so all the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities are part of society, and not marginalized; and

**WHEREAS**, Deaf Awareness Week is the third week of September. This is an opportunity for children and adults in Spokane, WA 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 12-16, 2022, as

### DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

in Spokane and acknowledge ASL as the primary communication mode for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities and encourage children and adults in Spokane to learn about the resources available to them through the Washington Advocacy of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
14 day of September 2022.

*Nadine Woodward*  
Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

