

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our city, state and nation's infrastructure is critical to citizen safety and well-being, our economy, and our national defense. And, the pipe trades, including plumbers, pipefitters, sprinkler fitters, welders, and HVAC/R technicians are among the building trades companies and workers that build, maintain, and innovate processes and technologies that strengthen our infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the apprenticeship "earn-while-you-learn" model of passing knowledge and skills to next generations of master builders has proven successful for millennia. In partnership with Eastern Washington contractors and other employers, the Spokane Plumbers, and Steamfitters (UA Local 44) provide the highest levels of apprentice training in the pipe trades, requiring up to ten-thousand hours; and

WHEREAS, Blake Cooper, an apprentice member of UA Local 44 based in Spokane, recently earned the title of Washington State Pipe Trades Champion Apprentice Plumber. Blake Cooper will represent Washington State at the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA) regional eleven-state apprentice competition this week:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim June 11-17, 2023, as

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in Spokane and encourage all of our citizens to wish our own Blake Cooper well as he continues to compete among the best apprentice plumbers in North America, and is a shining example of so many apprentice women and men from all walks of life who are strengthening our society through their dedication and diligence to continue America's tradition of bringing forth the most highly-skilled, productive, and innovative workers in the world.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
9th day of June 2023.

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

