

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane recognizes the extraordinary contributions of King Cole, the visionary force behind Expo '74, and honors his legacy; and

WHEREAS, Spokane, the smallest city ever to host a world's fair, stands as a testament to the ingenuity, resilience, and spirit of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, despite public adversity and challenges, King Cole and his dedicated team rallied together to organize and execute an unparalleled event within a remarkably short timeframe, showcasing the boundless potential of our community; and

WHEREAS, King Cole's leadership and vision transformed a railyard nestled in the heart of our city into a vibrant fairground, which later evolved into the cherished community treasure we know today as Riverfront Park; and

WHEREAS, Expo '74 continues to serve as a beacon of progress, innovation, and collaboration, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of Spokane's history and identity; and

WHEREAS, 50 years later, Spokane remains committed to the sustainable theme of Expo '74, leading cities in our dedication to parks and river preservation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 18, 2024 as

KING COLE DAY

in Spokane and encourage all people to reflect on the legacy of King Cole and reflect on the many contributions he made not only to Expo '74, but also to shaping the City as it is today.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
9th day of May 2024.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

