

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Patti Warashina, born and raised in Spokane, graduate of Lewis & Clark High School, has gone on to a storied career in the arts, as one of the most important female artists in the history of Spokane, Patti has gone on to represent Spokane well on the national stage; and

WHEREAS, the Smithsonian recently awarded Patti the prestigious Visionary Artist Award, making her only the second artist in the history of the Pacific Northwest to receive this award and saying the following: "Patti Warashina is an important ceramics artist because of her contributions to the medium as well as her interest in challenging gender barriers. Warashina's work is often humorous, offering clay figures placed in imagined environments that show her subversive thinking;" and

WHEREAS, Warashina, whose art is ever evolving, has pushed the boundaries of ceramics well beyond function and, as one of the rare women in the field, she has paved the way for an entire new cadre of women artists. Professor Emerita at the University of Washington, Patti dedicated decades to teaching ceramics, considered by some to be the most difficult and challenging of all art media Her work is featured in the permanent collections of museums worldwide, including the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2024 as

PATTI WARASHINA DAY

in Spokane and encourage all people to celebrate the achievements of Patti Warashina and the cultural diversity that Asian Americans bring to Spokane.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
29th day of October 2024.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

