CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 30 million Americans are affected by over 7,000 rare diseases and conditions; and

WHEREAS, when the national statistics are put on Spokane's population, approximately 6.8% of adults and 22% of children are affected by rare diseases in our region; and

WHEREAS, the public may be familiar with some rare diseases such as ALS and childhood cancers, most patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of finding research, care coordination, and raising public awareness to assist the search for treatments and support:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim February 29th, 2024 as

RARE DISEASE DAY

in Spokane joining the global movement dedicated to raising awareness and generating change for the 300 million people living with a rare disease in our community and around the world.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane, do hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Spokane to be affixed this 26th day of February 2024.

Lisa Brown Mayor

