

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, stormwater comes from precipitation that falls on hard surfaces and does not soak into the ground, becoming runoff. Runoff becomes polluted with tire wear particles and vehicle fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, sediments, litter, and/or pet waste, as it runs along streets, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs, and lawns; and

**WHEREAS**, runoff flows into the storm sewer that eventually flows untreated into waterways such as the Spokane River, streams, lakes, and wetlands; and

**WHEREAS**, plants and soil filter water and improve water quality. Onsite improvements, such as porous pavement, stormwater ponds, native plants, rain gardens, bioswales, and other best management practices, help with pollution prevention and treatment in stormwater runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State is a leader in promoting pollution prevention and mitigation for stormwater discharges and City of Spokane's Integrated Clean Water Plan delivers the highest level of stormwater treatment available in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, by focusing attention on pollution prevention in stormwater runoff, Washington State and City of Spokane will continue to meet the challenges associated with polluted runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, Stormwater Awareness Week is an opportunity for local government, industry, environmental organizations, and the Spokane community to recognize the potential of stormwater pollution prevention within our rivers, lakes, streams, and other water bodies:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9-16, 2024 as

### STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

in 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  
1st day of November 2024.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

