

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, brain injuries are a major public health concern, affecting millions of Americans, including many veterans, who are at heightened risk due to the nature of their military service; and your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs acknowledges the urgent need to raise awareness about brain injury prevention, treatment, and long-term support for veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for Brain Injury Awareness Month 2025 is “**Reconnecting: Life After Brain Injury**,” focusing on the importance of social reintegration for individuals recovering from brain injury and the journey of rebuilding connections with family, friends, work and community, addressing the isolation that many brain injury survivors experience; and, brain injuries, whether mild or severe, can significantly alter a person’s life, impacting their physical, cognitive, and emotional well-being, and veterans face unique challenges in coping with these effects; and

**WHEREAS**, increased education, outreach, and advocacy can help ensure that individuals living with brain injuries -- particularly veterans -- receive the care, services, and community support necessary to live their lives to the fullest; and, your Washington Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all Spokane residents to engage in efforts to raise awareness of brain injuries, improve prevention strategies, and ensure that veterans and their families have access to the vital resources they need to heal:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim March 2025 as

### BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

in Spokane, encouraging everyone to support the efforts to improve understanding, prevention and care for individuals affected by brain injuries, especially our veterans.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
27th day of February 2025.

*Lisa Brown*

Lisa Brown  
Mayor

