## CITY OF SPOKANE

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, stormwater comes from precipitation that falls on hard surfaces, becoming polluted runoff. Tire wear particles and vehicle fluids, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, sediments, litter, and/or pet waste, enters the runoff as it runs along streets, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs, and lawns; and

WHEREAS, plants and soil filter water and reduce pollution. Improvements, such as porous pavement, stormwater ponds, native plants, 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 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 our drinking water source, the Spokane Valley-Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer:

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2025 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 2nd day of October 2025.

Lisa Brown Mayor

