

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Harry Lillis "Bing" Crosby (1903-1977) lived in Spokane's Logan neighborhood from 1906-1925; attended Webster Elementary, Gonzaga High School, Gonzaga University, and St. Aloysius Church; and honed his musical skills performing at many locations in Spokane before traveling to Los Angeles, California in October 1925; and

WHEREAS, Bing utilized the talents and values he gained during those formative years to become one of the most popular entertainers of the 20th century, performing nearly 4,000 radio programs - including a 31 year period when he was on the radio once per week; released 409 single recordings over a 51 year period, including the most #1 hits ever and the best-selling song in history, White Christmas; appeared in 104 films, earning three Academy Award nominations and winning a Best Actor Award for *Going My Way*; spent no less than 25 weeks and numerous weekend trips to entertain overseas troops during World War II; developed the Bing Crosby National Pro-Amateur Golf Tournament; led the way in technology for both sound and video recording; gave generously and raised millions for USO, Red Cross, along with many charities benefiting Spokane and serving children around the world; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the 100 year anniversary of Bing's career launch will benefit his legacy; attract local, national, and international attention; bolster tourism; help with existing efforts to revitalize downtown Spokane and increase pride in our city, Bing's hometown:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2025 as

BING'S DAY

in Spokane and urge all residents, organizations, and businesses to recognize and celebrate the contributions of this Spokane legend.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
8th day of October 2025.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor

