

# CITY OF SPOKANE



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**WHEREAS**, a few years later, Mountain Gear moved into its current retail home at 2002 N. Division in Spokane, with an indoor climbing wall and pool for practicing kayak rolls. At this new location, Paul Fish and Mountain Gear helped thousands of people in Spokane and across the region start amazing adventures and life-long hobbies; and

**WHEREAS**, not only is Paul an advocate for outdoor recreation, he is an advocate for sustainable development. Mountain Gear's corporate headquarters and environmentally sustainable distribution center is a 112,000-square-foot LEED Gold certified building. Employees are encouraged to use alternative forms of transportation through subsidized bus passes, indoor bike room and shop, and incentives for carpooling. They enjoy a sustainable community garden and goods baked on site by the company's own baker. Mountain Gear stocks a number of products made from organic, recycled and renewable materials, and uses Fair Trade practices in the store's Sustainable Pick program, making it easy for customers to choose an ecologically sound new piece of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, Paul has passionately supported charitable causes that help protect and share the outdoors, including SpokeFest, the Spokane Riverkeeper, the Lands Council, the Access Fund, and Big City Mountaineers Summit for Someone, a program that gets at-risk urban youth into the outdoors:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane and in honor of Paul's work and dedication to Spokane and the region, do hereby salute

**PAUL FISH**

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
6<sup>th</sup> day of January, in 2020

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Nadine Woodward  
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