

# CITY OF SPOKANE



## SALUTATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1997, Leslie Lathrop and Melanie Lubeck, with support from the *Santa Sisters* – Lori Wolcott, Debbie Bryan, Peggy Hughes, Paula Bulkley, and Pam Srock – created a unique and special Christmas-themed Fantasy Flight event for the homeless and at-risk children of the Spokane region, and for the past 25 years, this event has enriched the hearts and minds of over 1,400 area children and created a volunteer experience that is both cherished and highly desired by the community; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Northwest North Pole Adventures' Board continues to preserve the Spokane Fantasy Flight event for all those who wish to experience its magic, and remain grateful for Leslie and Melanie's mission to provide impoverished and at-risk children an exceptional experience by leveraging the magic of Christmas to demonstrate that they are valued, loved, respected, and not forgotten; and

**WHEREAS**, for Spokane Fantasy Flight's 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee year, we are reminded that each child *needs* to imagine magical things and wondrous fantasies because imagination is an essential component of childhood, helping children learn and develop social, emotional, creative, physical, lingual, and problem-solving skills they'll need as adults:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby salute

### LESLIE LATHROP & MELANIE LUBECK

for their years of inspiring leadership at the Northwest North Pole Adventures and providing a safe and imaginative fantasy immersion that children will remember and cherish for their entire life.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward  
Mayor

