



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest is served by Pierce Transit, providing service by way of bus, SHUTTLE paratransit, and Rideshare; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Pierce Transit provided 6.8 million passenger trips in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, 52% of Pierce Transit riders do not own a personal vehicle, and 67% have an annual income under \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, Move Ahead Washington, the transformative legislative transportation package passed in 2022, invests more than \$3 billion in transit programs and projects, including the first-in-the-nation Youth Ride Free program, which provides zero-cost fare to all individuals 18 years and younger; and

WHEREAS, transit in Washington today reduces 371,000 metric tons of CO2 emission per year, and if all single vehicle drivers were to shift to transit, there would be a savings of 130,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year – about equal to 28,272 passenger vehicles driven annually; and

WHEREAS, nearly 25% of Washingtonians cannot or do not drive and may rely on public transit, and recent research shows that 1 in 4 adults in the United States suffers from transportation insecurity, suggesting that, short of transit, millions of Washingtonians would not be able to regularly move from place to place in a safe or timely manner because they lack the resources necessary for transportation; and

WHEREAS, transit provides essential trips and essential jobs for people of color and low-income individuals, and among urban residents, Black, people of Latin descent, and foreign-born community members are more likely to take public transit; and

WHEREAS, greater transit use is associated with higher levels of physical activity, which is associated with lower health risks and better health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates Pierce Transit's close work with local jurisdictions, city planners, and staff to incorporate local growth patterns into future transit planning to increase transit opportunities for residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS of the City of Fircrest, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as Ride Transit Month in the City of Fircrest, Washington.

Proclaimed this 11th day of June 2024.

S. Reynolds

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor