

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the first official flag of the United States was adopted on June 14, 1777, by an act of the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1877, the first Flag Day observance took place on the 100th anniversary of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes; and

WHEREAS, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as Flag Day, and in 1949, an Act of Congress formalized this observance through legislation signed into law by President Harry Truman; and

WHEREAS, the American Flag stands as a cherished emblem of the ideals that unite us and make America a beacon of hope and freedom, indivisible despite the diversity of our people in ethnicity, race, and religion; and

WHEREAS, "Old Glory" represents the unity, strength, and spirit of our country and its people, and serves as a powerful symbol of our shared commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, in times of challenge and change, it is vital to renew our commitment to the principles the flag represents by upholding civic responsibility, moral integrity, and a deeper understanding of our shared ideals; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the American flag, the most recognizable symbol of the principles for which our Republic stands; and

WHEREAS, on Flag Day, we honor the brave servicemembers and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have selflessly defended the freedoms the American Flag represents.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 14th, 2025, as **Flag Day**, in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and encourage all residents to proudly honor the Stars and Stripes and reflect on our flag's rich history and enduring significance.

Passed this 10th day of June 2025

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor