



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, our Founding Fathers ratified the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming our unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, with the adoption of this historic document, the thirteen colonies declared the formation of a new, independent nation – the United States of America – founded on the principles of individual liberty, natural rights, and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that ideals were not initially extended to all people, and generations of Americans have fought and sacrificed to bring our nation closer to the promise of freedom and equality for all; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a time to honor the enduring truths of the Declaration of Independence and reaffirm the continued duty of all Americans to preserve the freedoms and values that define our nation; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to the courageous service of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have defended the freedoms established at the birth of our nation; and

WHEREAS, each year on July 4th, we celebrate the birth of our nation, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the United States as a lasting symbol of hope, opportunity, and democracy, and in 2025, we commemorate 249 years of American independence; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest – known as the Jewel of Pierce County – is proud to join in this national celebration as a community committed to unity, opportunity, and civic pride.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim July 4th, 2025, as **Independence Day**, in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and encourage all residents to celebrate the birth of our nation, and recognize the importance of our independence and freedom.

Passed this 24th day of June 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Reynolds".

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor