



THE CITY OF FIRCREST

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was adopted, marking the birth of the United States of America and affirming the enduring principle that all people are endowed with certain unalienable rights to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of this defining moment in our nation's history, providing an opportunity to reflect upon the ideals of liberty, self-government, and civic responsibility that shaped our nation and continue to guide our democracy today; and

WHEREAS, the United States Semiquincentennial is being commemorated at the national, state, and local levels, encouraging communities to honor the sacrifices, achievements, and contributions of the generations who have shaped the American story over the 250 years; and

WHEREAS, local governments play a vital role in upholding democratic values, encouraging civic participation, and preserving community history and traditions for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that the founding ideals of our nation were not initially extended to all people, and we recognize the courage and perseverance of those who have worked throughout our history to bring our nation closer to the promise of freedom, equality, and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day is a time to honor the enduring principles of the Declaration of Independence, reaffirm the continued duty of all Americans to preserve the freedoms and values that define our nation, and pay tribute to the members of the United States Armed Forces, past and present, whose courage and sacrifice have helped defend those liberties throughout our nation's history; 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 2026, we commemorate 250 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, 2026, 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 23rd day of June 2026

Brett L. Wittner, Mayor Pro Tempore