



**Proclamation of the City of Sedro-Woolley, declaring Sedro-Woolley a City of Inclusion**

*WHEREAS*, the people of the City of Sedro-Woolley value the diversity of the community; and

*WHEREAS*, equality, inclusion, and safety for all persons are core values of the City of Sedro-Woolley; and

*WHEREAS*, the City of Sedro-Woolley is committed to recognizing the dignity of all people; and

*WHEREAS*, verbal and physical acts to threaten or intimidate people are not consistent with our core values, are not part of our culture, and do not reflect who we are; and

*WHEREAS*, the politics of division, isolation, and hate have no place in our community; and

*WHEREAS*, all people deserve assurance of the basic principles of equity and human rights guaranteed in our Constitution and Bill of Rights; and

*WHEREAS*, we celebrate our community's diversity and welcome all people who live, work, play and go to school here, regardless of their national origin, color, race, sexual orientation or gender identity, financial or socioeconomic status, or political opinion; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Mayor Julia Johnson, do hereby proclaim that we reaffirm our community's shared values of compassion, inclusion, respect, and dignity; and our commitment to building an environment, and a community, in which everyone is valued and everyone has the opportunity to thrive; and we encourage the citizens to likewise affirm these values of inclusion.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019:

  
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Julia Johnson, Mayor