



DESIGNATION OF JANUARY AS WHOLE CHILD MONTH

WHEREAS Tacoma’s parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in Tacoma, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of our community and region; and

WHEREAS Metro Parks Tacoma and the Tacoma School District have a long standing relationship that is based in service to the families and children of the Tacoma community; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks shares the Tacoma Public School District’s vision that every student deserves to be challenged academically, exposed to a comprehensive education that promotes critical thinking and creativity, and prepared for higher education, meaningful employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Public Schools, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, City of Tacoma, the Children’s Museum of Tacoma and other community service-delivery partners have collaboratively joined forces to provide youth development opportunities that assures more students from all socio-economic backgrounds can access programs and the range of developmental benefits they provide; and

WHEREAS, every student deserves to be supported by qualified, caring adults, and have access to personalized learning opportunities; and every student deserves the opportunity to be actively engaged in, and connected to, school and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most youth in the United States do not get the recommended amount of daily physical activity, and students who lack the food and resources for healthy living are less likely to be attentive in school and have higher absenteeism rates, which can lead to lower academic performance; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and national organizations that provide coordinated education, health, and social services to children and youth in Washington recognize a whole-child approach that decreases truancy and disruptive behaviors and improves academic performance and student well-being; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The Board of Park Commissioners that January is recognized as Whole Child Month in the City of Tacoma.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held on January 11th, 2021.

Proclamation

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