



## DESIGNATION OF JANUARY AS WHOLE CHILD MONTH

WHEREAS, Metro Parks Tacoma is committed to supporting the quality of life in Tacoma for all, especially children and youth, creating healthy places to learn, play and grow; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks recognizes both the ability and responsibility of our entire community to work together to support consistent and wrap-around care, education and enrichment for our children in the classroom, community and home; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks also recognizes that this whole-child care and enrichment guides our children's development socially, emotionally, physically, mentally and creatively; ignites their imagination; and helps them discover their own greatness, thus enabling better academic outcomes and a bright future; and

WHEREAS, every student deserves to be supported by qualified, caring adults, and have access to personalized learning opportunities and connections to school and community; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks has resolved to be an anti-racist agency, working to remove barriers and ensure access to health, nature and recreation for all our community, especially those affected by systemic racism and exclusion; and

WHEREAS, as part of a community network including Tacoma Public Schools, Greentrike and other providers equally committed to the development of the whole child, Metro Parks wishes to recognize and honor its staff members who work tirelessly to support youth in programs and spaces such as Beyond the Bell, Club Beyond, Teen Late Night, community centers, youth arts and sports; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks has followed the City of Tacoma since 2017 in recognizing January as Whole Child Month, educating our community about how partnering to support every aspect of our children's lives achieves a far greater benefit than individual efforts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Park Commissioners that Metro Parks Tacoma joins with Tacoma Public Schools and other community partners in celebrating January as Whole Child Month, affirming our continued collaboration in this important work.



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 9, 2023

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Proclamation