



## **A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, April is designated as National Volunteer Month and Earth Month, and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks volunteers are essential partners in every aspect of our agency's ability to serve our community supporting our mission, and

**WHEREAS**, more than 4,990 community members invested 62,423 reported volunteer hours with an estimated value of \$1,869,569 in 2022, providing a profound impact on the quality of our parks, zoos and programs, the health of our environment and the well-being of our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of Metro Parks volunteers more than tripled from 2021; and,

**WHEREAS**, their passionate work for conservation, preservation, education and serving the community encompass a broad range of needs across the District. These 4,990 volunteers serve as educators in our zoos and conservatory, re-enactors at Fort Nisqually, coaches for youth sports, environmental stewards protecting our natural areas, Advisory Council and steering committee members, foundation board members providing advocacy and vital fund-development, and as individuals and groups who provide support to our parks, community centers, zoos, special projects, and programs throughout our community; and,

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of volunteers will join staff at Earth Day events and during Metro Parks Tacoma's annual Parks Appreciation Day on April 22; and,

**WHEREAS**, the time, talents and inspiration of our volunteers provide indispensable support to our Metro Parks employees and play a vital role in our operation as a nationally-recognized parks and recreation system;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Park Commissioners, hereby recognize and celebrate April as National Volunteer Month and extend our deepest appreciation to all in our community who participate in caring for our parks, zoos and their fellow community members as Metro Parks volunteers.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held April 10, 2023.

ATTEST:

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Board President

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Board Clerk