



**A PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION HONORING
INNOVATIVE CHANGE MAKERS**

WHEREAS, the mission of Metro Parks is to create healthy opportunities to play, learn and grow; several of our core values guiding this work are innovation, equity, inclusiveness, safety and fun; and

WHEREAS, Innovative Change Makers is an organization that shares and embodies these values every day through its work in our community; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Innovative Change Makers is “working together as a community to provide innovative alternatives to hazardous lifestyles; successfully reaching our youth through ongoing mentorship, peer-mediation, job readiness training, and our modular curriculum; and highlighting the essential fundamentals of a healthy, legitimate, and prosperous way of life” ;and

WHEREAS, since 2023, Innovative Change Makers has partnered with Metro Parks to bring engaging activities and learning opportunities for youth at People’s Community Center; and

WHEREAS, People’s Center is an essential community space serving residents of Hilltop and Central Tacoma by providing opportunities for recreation, social connection and a safe space for youth to gather; and

WHEREAS, programs led by Innovative Change Makers provide new pathways for youth and enhance People’s Center in the spirit of its history as a community-led space; these include financial literacy classes, braiding workshop series, summer programs and art events; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks is grateful for this partnership and looks forward to continuing to work alongside Innovative Change Makers to achieve a shared vision of a safe, healthy and thriving community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners hereby proclaims its appreciation for the leadership and contributions of Innovative Change Makers to our youth and community.

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 September 23, 2024.

ATTEST:

Board President

Board Clerk