



## Proclamation

### **Recognizing July 19-24, 2021 as Speed Week**



**WHEREAS**, since 1954 the Evergreen Speedway at the Evergreen State Fair Park in Monroe, Washington, has been woven into the fabric of our community, providing a venue for drivers and enthusiasts to experience motorsport events and auto racing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evergreen Speedway hosts over 130 events annually, and the grounds includes: grandstands, paved 5/8<sup>th</sup>, 3/8<sup>th</sup>, and 1/5<sup>th</sup>-mile ovals, a figure eight track, motocross, road courses, and karting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evergreen Speedway has over 60 years of rich racing history with aspiring professionals and seasoned veterans, and is a noted training ground for future racing stars; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evergreen Speedway is Washington's only NASCAR Home Track, is known as the "*Super Speedway of the West*," and has been named one of NASCAR's Top Ten Short Tracks in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Evergreen Speedway celebrates *SPEED WEEK* from July 19 through July 24, which features a number of racing and race-related events including the Summer Showdown; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Summer Showdown, to be held July 23 and July 24, is the largest and richest NASCAR sanctioned Short Track Event in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summer Showdown not only attracts the top Super Late models in the Western United States, it also brings nationally acclaimed drivers from as far away as North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017, Speed51.com named the Summer Showdown as one of the Top Ten Must See Short Track Races in the country, and *Speedway Illustrated* has named the Summer Showdown one of the Top Ten Bucket List Short Track Events to Attend in America; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe values the Evergreen Speedway, a unique Monroe facility providing racing opportunities and entertainment for people of all ages, and providing opportunities in the lodging, tourism, recreation, and automotive industries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby proclaim the week of July 19 through July 24, 2021, as

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and encourage Monroe's residents and businesses to celebrate Monroe's racing history by attending the exciting events being held at the Evergreen Speedway.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor