

Proclamation

***Recognizing August 20, 2022 as  
Swifts Night Out***



**WHEREAS**, the Vaux's Swift is a unique bird, as they look and act like swallows, but their closest relative is the hummingbird; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vaux's Swift is the smallest out of four North American Swifts, measuring four and three-quarter inches in length, with a wingspan of twelve inches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vaux's Swift use their claws to cling to rough surfaces, such as a chimney, rather than perch in trees; and

**WHEREAS**, the migratory patterns of the Vaux's Swift extend as far south as Mexico to as far north as Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Monroe, Washington, is an annual roosting spot for the Vaux's Swifts and several thousand Vaux's Swifts migrate through Monroe each Spring and Fall season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Vaux's Swift roosts in the Frank Wagner Elementary School chimney, and the Pilchuck Audubon Society, Monroe School District, and the City of Monroe, host an annual "Swifts Night Out" for the community to celebrate this event; and

**WHEREAS**, the decommissioned Frank Wagner Elementary chimney is recognized as an important communal migratory roosting site in North America with up to twenty thousand Vaux's Swifts resting in the chimney on any given night; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2016, the City of Monroe designated the Vaux's Swift as the official City Bird; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the impacts felt by COVID-19 and numerous events not taking place the past two years, the Monroe community looks forward to supporting and attending a resumption of the annual "Swifts Night Out" event in 2022.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, proclaim Saturday, August 20, 2022, as

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and encourage residents, businesses, and visitors to observe Swifts Night Out.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas".

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor