

Proclamation

***Recognizing December 2022 as
Universal Human Rights Month and
December 10, 2022 as Human Rights Day***



WHEREAS, December is Universal Human Rights Month, a time for people in the U.S. and around the world to join together and stand up for the inherent rights, worth, and dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and today, December 10th, is recognized globally as Human Rights Day; and

WHEREAS, Article I of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights affirms that, "*All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights,*" a truth that is reflected in the United States Declaration of Independence and other founding documents in countries, moral codes, and religious texts across the world; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document, which proclaims the inalienable rights that every person has in themselves and must protect in others as human beings - regardless of who they naturally are including, but not limited to, their race, color, religious identity, gender, gender identity and preference, primary language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property ownership, social class, economic condition, birth or other status.; and

WHEREAS, people, governments, organizations, and institutions still discriminate and oppress human beings despite agreement in so many founding documents, codes, and religious texts that human rights are naturally and universally endowed upon every human being and that people are to honor, respect, and support other human beings regardless of personal differences and talents; and

WHEREAS, it is morally right and necessary that each one of us be kind, just, and humble enough to consider how our actions and inactions contribute to discrimination and oppression of human rights and a person's agency within our communities, country, and across the globe so that we can take actions to correct moral wrongs out of compassion and love for fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Human Rights Day and Universal Human Rights Awareness Month is one way we acknowledge, identify, and focus on our trespasses against others, have a conversation about ways to change, and emphasize the importance of making those changes a reality for the betterment of every human being; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations' theme for Human Rights Day 2022 is "*Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All*".

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, proclaim

December 2022, as

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH

and December 10, 2022, as

UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

and encourage residents and employers to identify where a person or people's human rights are adversely affected, suppressed, or oppressed and to take actions to reverse these moral wrongs and, thereby, ensure that every human being does live with dignity and worth and contribute their natural talents and gifts to humanity.

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

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor