

Proclamation

**Recognizing August 24 – September 4, 2023 as  
Monroe Fair Days**



**WHEREAS**, the first agricultural display in Snohomish County was held in 1874, making the Evergreen State Fair one of the oldest in Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair began in downtown Monroe in 1908 at the former Independent Order of Odd Fellows Hall and Grounds on North Lewis Street, moved to its current location in 1945, and has become the largest county fair in the Pacific Northwest; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair offers entertainment for people of all ages and includes: a carnival, amusement rides, crafts, exhibits, races, concerts, fireworks, animals, fun contests, music acts, dancers, roving entertainers, and the Western Heritage Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fair draws approximately three hundred forty thousand visitors annually from all over Washington and the Pacific Northwest, bringing three million dollars in revenues into Snohomish County, with much of it benefitting the Monroe community; and

**WHEREAS**, our entire community is involved with the Fair, including the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, which organizes the Fair Days Parade, and Lee Johnson Auto Family, which sponsored a food drive prior to opening day of the fair; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Evergreen State Fair theme is *"Little Moments, Big Memories!"*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monroe Fair Days Parade will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023, in downtown Monroe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Evergreen State Fair and Monroe Fair Days Parade support Imagine Monroe in that they showcase "locally sourced products," "strengthen connections" and contribute to a community that is a safe place where "everyone feels at home and everyone feels they belong."

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, Washington, proclaim the twelve days between, August 24, and September 4, 2023, as

**MONROE FAIR DAYS**

and encourage residents, businesses, and visitors to celebrate and participate in the Evergreen State Fair and the Monroe Fair Days Parade.

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

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor