

Proclamation

***Recognizing the month of September 2023 as
Hydrocephalus Awareness Month***



WHEREAS, hydrocephalus affects approximately one million Americans in every stage of life, from infants to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, one out of every one thousand babies are born with hydrocephalus, making it as common as Down's Syndrome and more common than spina bifida or brain tumors, and is the most common reason for brain surgery in children; and

WHEREAS, hydrocephalus is a condition with no cure; is primarily characterized by excessive cerebrospinal fluid on the brain that results in abnormal widening of the spaces in the ventricles, which creates harmful pressure and can be fatal if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, the only treatment for hydrocephalus requires brain surgery, and many individuals require more than one surgery to remain well; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the National, Regional, and State Hydrocephalus Association, in conjunction with leaders from professional, community, and medical-based organizations and associations, are dedicated to increasing public awareness of hydrocephalus and the needs of families parenting children, and adults diagnosed with hydrocephalus.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Geoffrey Thomas, and City Council of City of Monroe, Washington, do hereby recognize the month of September 2023 as

HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage the community to join us in this worthy observance.

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

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor