

RESOLUTION 2024 - 13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, REGARDING
THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE AND SIGN PROCLAMATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to establish a transparent and democratic process for the approval and issuance of proclamations that reflects the collective will of the elected representatives of Sunnyside;

WHEREAS, the role of the Mayor in the City of Sunnyside is primarily ceremonial, and the Mayor presides over meetings of the City Council without possessing executive powers; and

WHEREAS, the current process vests the authority on signing proclamations solely with the office of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of proclamations in acknowledging significant events, achievements, and awareness in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to amend the current process to ensure that the decision to issue proclamations is made collectively by the City Council and not unilaterally by the mayor;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. Authority to Issue Proclamations: The authority to decide which proclamations shall be issued by the City of Sunnyside is hereby vested collectively in the City Council. Proclamations to be issued must receive approval by a majority vote of the City Council members present.

SECTION 2. Approval Process: All proposed proclamations shall be presented to the City Council for approval. A proclamation must receive a majority vote of the City Council members present at a duly noticed meeting to be approved for issuance.

SECTION 3. Issuance of Proclamations: Upon approval of a proclamation by the City Council, the mayor shall sign the proclamation. If the mayor is unavailable or unwilling to sign an approved proclamation, the Deputy Mayor, shall sign the proclamation on behalf of the City Council.

SECTION 4. Administrative Support: The City Clerk is directed to provide administrative support for the preparation of proclamations for City Council consideration, including the placement of proposed proclamations on the agenda for City Council meetings and maintaining records of issued proclamations.

SECTION 5. Not Applicable to Emergency Authority: This resolution does not invest the city council with Emergency Authority or Emergency Powers as set forth RCW 38.52. Such emergency authority and powers is still vested solely in the City Manager and Mayor.

SECTION 6. This resolution shall be effective upon passage, approval, and signatures hereon in accordance with law.

PASSED this 25th day of March, 2024.


DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

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