

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

“Puget Sound Starts Here Month”

September 2023

- WHEREAS,* we resolve to protect Puget Sound and its tributaries which are the source of our communities’ wellbeing, health, economy and quality of life; and
- WHEREAS,* we acknowledge that we are on the land of the Coast Salish, who have stewarded this land from time immemorial; and
- WHEREAS,* a healthy and vibrant Puget Sound defines our Northwest culture, as do our indigenous people’s stories, our tribal Treaty responsibilities, and our shared legacy for future generations; and
- WHEREAS,* the health of Puget Sound is declining, and creatures and plants great and small, from our bull kelp forests, and salmon, to our orcas, shellfish and creatures, are at risk from the human impacts of stormwater runoff, loss of natural habitats, and a changing climate; and
- WHEREAS,* we all have the power to protect our Puget Sound treasure, work together to discover and take clean water actions through the Puget Sound Starts Here Campaign; and
- WHEREAS,* in the month of September the City of Edmonds will join with other governing bodies, organizations and community groups to strengthen stewardship of our shared watershed and encourage all to take action to improve the health of Puget Sound;

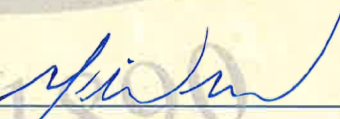
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of Edmonds, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as:

**Puget Sound
Starts Here**

“Puget Sound Starts Here” Month

in the City of Edmonds. I urge residents to support clean water and healthy habitat by joining me in this special observance and discovering how you can make a difference and be part of the solution!

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Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ September 5, 2023