



*City of Ellensburg*

# PROCLAMATION

## International Men's Day

**Whereas**, November 19 is International Men's Day, a day to celebrate men's positive contributions to their communities and families and to bring attention to social problems disproportionately impacting men; and

**Whereas**, striving toward gender equity includes concern for all gender-based disparities, including those impacting men; and

**Whereas**, according to the Ellensburg Police Department, fourteen of seventeen people who died by suicide in Ellensburg between 2015 and 2022 to date have been male; and

**Whereas**, according to national 2018 Point-in-time census, men are the majority of individuals experiencing homelessness (70 percent) followed by women (29 percent); and

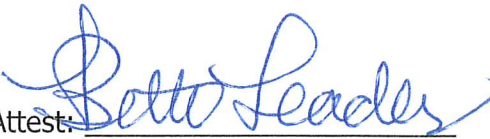
**Whereas**, life expectancy for men in America is lower than women, 74.2 for men and 79.9 for women (2020); and

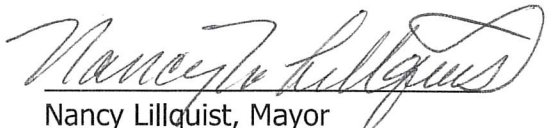
**Whereas**, according to Washington State Department of Employment Security, there were substantial differences in gender ratio by industry in Kittitas County (2020); male-dominated industries included transportation and warehousing (84.1 %), construction (82.2 %) and wholesale trade (71.2 %); and female-dominated industries included finance and insurance (75.4 %), health care and social assistance (75.3 %), and professional, scientific and technical services (62.8 %); and

**Whereas**, organizations and governments should continue to innovate the manner in which they design and deliver support services and resources to account for the unique needs and problems of men; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellensburg recognizes and honors all men who contribute to the strength, vibrancy, and leadership of our City as we strive to be a place where each person can reach their full potential.

**Now, Therefore**, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim November 19, 2022 as International Men's Day in Ellensburg and encourages all community members to join in this observance.

Attest:   
City Clerk

  
Nancy Lillquist, Mayor