RESOLUTION NO. 2406

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, acknowledging and supporting essential workers during the current COVID-19 pandemic

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus which causes COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor of the State of Washington declared the existence of a State of Emergency in all Counties in the State in anticipation of the impacts and severity of a COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, since then, many measures have been taken on the local, regional, state and national levels to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued a "Stay Home" order which restricted public and private activities to those determined to be essential; and

WHEREAS, workers designated to be essential include those who provide health care, public safety, transportation, utilities, and food and other necessary goods; and

WHEREAS, many essential workers have served the residents of Puyallup during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, day after day, essential workers risk their own wellbeing in order that the rest of us are able to continue accessing the things we need; and

WHEREAS, these are the people who make it possible for the rest of us to stay home and stay healthy;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Puyallup resolves as follows:

- 1. It is important to recognize the courage, dedication and commitment of essential workers during the current COVID-19 pandemic;
- 2. All Puyallup residents should do their part to protect essential workers by taking preventative measures such as wearing masks while accessing essential services;
- 3. In addition to helping protect essential workers, wearing masks will help deter the further spread of the coronavirus throughout our community, which will aid in allowing more businesses to open as we re-start our economy; and

4. All essential workers who are performing critical services deserve to be acknowledged, appreciated, and supported.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, this 28th day of April 2020.

Julie L.B. Door

Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:

Joseph N. Beck City Attorney Mary Winter City Clerk