

City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION


- WHEREAS,** the Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) is observing May 2026 as NF Awareness Month to educate the public about this rare genetic condition; and
- WHEREAS,** NF, which refers to all types of neurofibromatosis and schwannomatosis, affects over 4 million people worldwide, with 1 in every 2,000 births diagnosed with the condition; and
- WHEREAS,** despite its prevalence, NF remains underrecognized, underscoring the urgent need for greater awareness and understanding; and
- WHEREAS,** NF affects all populations equally, regardless of race, ethnicity or gender; and
- WHEREAS,** NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and can also affect the brain, cardiovascular system, bones and skin; and
- WHEREAS,** the condition can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** the Children's Tumor Foundation is laser-focused on getting treatments to NF patients faster by investing in groundbreaking research, driving collaborative science, and derisking drug development; and
- WHEREAS,** CTF works directly with biotech, pharma, clinicians, and researchers to propel promising discoveries from the lab to patients' lives; and
- WHEREAS,** the Children's Tumor Foundation unites patients, families, researchers, and industry leaders to break down barriers, strengthen the NF community, and accelerate the development of new treatments; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation supports a global network of NF clinics, improving access to quality patient healthcare through the NF Clinic Network; and
- WHEREAS,** The Children's Tumor Foundation provides vital patient and family support through information, education, and advocacy resources; and
- WHEREAS,** greater awareness of NF is essential to advancing early diagnosis, improving treatment options, and support for research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

NF AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Poulsbo and encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this important initiative.

Dated this 10 day of APRIL 2026.


Edward R. Stern, Mayor

