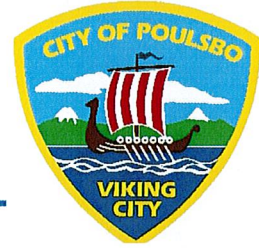


City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** laughter is a universal language that transcends all barriers of race, religion, and nationality, fostering a sense of global brotherhood and peace; and
- WHEREAS,** World Laughter Day, first established in 1998, was founded to promote global peace, unity, and happiness through the simple yet powerful act of laughing together; and
- WHEREAS,** scientific studies have shown that laughter reduces stress, strengthens the immune system, and promotes overall well-being; and
- WHEREAS,** our community values kindness, connection, and the health of its residents, recognizing that shared laughter fosters compassion and resilience; and
- WHEREAS,** World Laughter Day is observed annually on the first Sunday of May, falling this year on May 3, 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim May 3, 2026, as

WORLD LAUGHTER DAY

in the City of Poulsbo and I encourage all residents, businesses and visitors to join in smiling, giggling, chuckling, and laughing together to spread joy and strengthen the bonds that unite us.



Dated this 14 day of APRIL 2026.

Edward (Ed) Stern, Mayor