

# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Edward (Ed) Stern



## A PROCLAMATION

### *In Support of Cup Up Poulsbo, a Bring-Your-Own-Cup Initiative of the Poulsbo Rotary Club*

**WHEREAS**, Poulsbo residents and visitors use an estimated 1.8 million disposable cups each year, based on national per-capita disposable cup use applied to Poulsbo's population; and

**WHEREAS**, most of these are "paper" hot cups lined with a thin plastic coating that cannot be recycled or composted in Kitsap County, and that lining alone totals nearly one metric ton of plastic waste annually from Poulsbo cups; and

**WHEREAS**, emerging research shows a single disposable "paper" coffee cup can release approximately 25,000 micron-sized microplastic particles into a hot beverage within just 15 minutes, and that "paper" cups can leach plastic-related chemicals into hot and acidic drinks; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Retail Food Code (WAC 246-215-04230) permits customers to bring their own clean cups to food establishments, provided the dispensing method avoids direct contact, and all of Poulsbo's coffee shops already accept and welcome customers' own cups; and

**WHEREAS**, the Poulsbo Rotary Club has launched Cup Up Poulsbo, a two-year Bring-Your-Own-Cup (BYOC) campaign inviting businesses, Scout troops, and other groups across our community to pledge as "Cup Up Champions" and reduce or eliminate their use of single-use cups together; and

**WHEREAS**, Cup Up Poulsbo's goal of an 80% community-wide reduction in disposable cup use would prevent more than 58 metric tons of cup waste each year, while conserving timber, reducing plastic pollution, and setting an example of local, grassroots environmental stewardship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward R. Stern, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, do hereby proclaim support for **CUP UP POULSBO**, and encourage all Poulsbo residents, businesses, and community groups to join the Poulsbo Rotary Club in bringing their own cups, becoming Cup Up Champions, and working together to build a cleaner, more sustainable Poulsbo.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Poulsbo to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2026.

Edward R. Stern, Mayor

