



Proclamation in Celebration of San Juan County's Sesquicentennial

WHEREAS, On October 31, 1873, the Washington Territorial Legislature created San Juan County, separating the San Juan Islands from Whatcom County; and,

WHEREAS, the rich and vibrant history of the County should be remembered and celebrated; and,

WHEREAS, the San Juan Islands' history includes the indigenous Coast Salish people who have and continue to steward the Islands as part of their ancestral territory since time immemorial, whose cultural practices, art, and stories share a common theme of stewardship – a value woven into the very fabric of the islands; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the contributions of islanders over the last 150 years that have contributed to building and supporting the broad range of services, projects, and programs led by the County today; and

WHEREAS, the County contributes to nearly every aspect of life in the islands – peace and justice, health and wellness, planning and development, parks and recreation, agriculture and conservation, environmental stewardship, and much more; and

WHEREAS, each County department, partner organization, advisory board, and committee play a vital role in making decisions that shape daily life in San Juan County, including serving as stewards of our parks and natural areas, child advocates in our courts, public health officers in the health department, advisory, board, and steering committee members, and as individuals who provide support to programs throughout our community; and,

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2023, San Juan County will turn 150 years old; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Juan County Council, hereby recognizes and celebrates San Juan County's 150th Anniversary and extends our deepest appreciation to all who have and will continue to invest in the future of their County and community. Today we proclaim the next year is dedicated to the celebration of San Juan County's 150th year of incorporation.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the San Juan County Council at a regularly scheduled meeting held on October 31, 2023.

Cindy Wolf, Chair
District 2

Jane Fuller, Vice-Chair
District 3

Christine Minney, Member
District 1