

Proclamation

City of Spokane Valley, Washington
Community Risk Reduction Week

WHEREAS, *Every 24 seconds a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; a fire occurs in a structure at the rate of one every 63 seconds; a home fire occurs every 88 seconds; and in 2018, 74% of all fire deaths occurred in the home; and*

WHEREAS, *Home fires were responsible for 11,200 civilian injuries and 74% of all civilian injuries in 2018; and an estimated \$25.6 billion in property damage occurred as a result of fire in 2018; and the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80% of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and*

WHEREAS, *Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and*

WHEREAS, *The value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and*

WHEREAS, *The goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and*

WHEREAS, *Most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and*

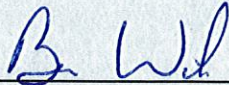
WHEREAS, *Monday, January 18, 2021, is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs.*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the week of January 18, 2021, be designated as

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for the City of Spokane Valley, and I urge Spokane Valley citizens to learn about this grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of Community Risk Reduction in the fire service community, and an opportunity to make communities safer.

Dated this 5th day of January, 2021.



Ben Wick, Mayor