

# PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR

## Proclaiming the Month of October 2021 as “Healthcare Heroes Month” in Gig Harbor, Washington

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and its progression in Gig Harbor and Pierce County continues to threaten lives and the health of our community as we experience an alarming increase in confirmed cases and hospitalizations contributing to limited availability of beds in our local hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, as we work through the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic the need for widespread vaccinations is critical as new variations of the virus take hold, however, only 50% of Pierce County residents are fully vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, the unified vision to protect life is embraced within our healthcare organizations from the housekeeping, janitorial and support staff, to the EMTs, nurses, doctors and respiratory therapists; and

**WHEREAS**, our healthcare professionals, first responders, and caregivers continue to dedicate themselves to alleviating pain and suffering of COVID-19 patients while risking their own lives and the well-being of their families; and

**WHEREAS**, the mental health of healthcare workers is suffering as an overwhelming majority of people hospitalized and dying from COVID-19 are not vaccinated, although many of these deaths were preventable with the vaccine; and

**WHEREAS**, the responsibility, dedication, and fortitude of these devoted individuals to continue administering services in the face of danger and uncertainty serves as an inspiration to all;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the month of October 2021 is

### Healthcare Heroes Month

in Gig Harbor, Washington, and all residents are urged to offer their heartfelt gratitude through messages, letters, cards, donations and support to our healthcare professionals for their commitment and sacrifice to continue caring for the sick during this difficult time.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gig Harbor to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2021.

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Mayor, City of Gig Harbor

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Date