

The City of Everett

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, smoke from wildfires has become a recurring seasonal air quality hazard in the Puget Sound region;

AND, in 2018, wildfire smoke led to 24 days of poor air quality. Thus far in 2019, Washington State has experienced more than 300 fires, with half of them occurring in Western Washington;

AND, based on current drought and forest conditions, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources believes we may see a record number of wildfires in 2019;

AND, smoke from wildfires can be hazardous to the health of our community members, especially people with heart disease or breathing problems, pregnant women, people over the age of 65, and children;

AND, annual preparations for wildfire smoke impacts can help Puget Sound residents mitigate the effect of wildfire smoke on their health and daily routines;

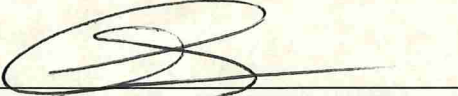
AND, by ensuring our region is Smoke Ready, we can protect the health and safety of all of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2019, as

Smoke Ready Communities Day

And encourage the community to regularly check the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency website or Airnow.gov to confirm the air quality in their area, and use the activity guidelines provided by the Washington State Department of Health to ensure their safety during periods of poor air quality.

Signed this 12th day of June, 2019



Mayor Cassie Franklin

