



# *Proclamation*

*Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo*

## **MEDIA LITERACY WEEK** **October 26-30, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the amount of time our children are spending in front of screens, especially in this time of a pandemic, is an increasing concern; and

**WHEREAS**, children need our help, attention, and support in learning how to navigate the internet safely; and

**WHEREAS**, our children's understanding of digital citizenship-how to communicate online with others in a respectful and responsible manner-has never been more important; and

**WHEREAS**, our young people's ability to find and evaluate credible and reliable sources, spot stereotypes, and develop strategies to distinguish facts from misinformation and disinformation is critical to their education; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of teaching our children to recognize how media messages and images are constructed and for what purposes they are used has now become imperative; and

**WHEREAS**, we as parents, teachers, and community members need a time to reflect on the ways that we are preparing our children to participate in this media-driven environment; and

**WHEREAS**, media literacy education benefits students at all levels during their school years, and prepares them for the future as voters and informed citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Jennifer Gregerson Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim October 26-30, 2020, as Media Literacy Education Week. I urge the citizens of Mukilteo to help their children and students safely navigate the internet and help guide supportive conversations around media literacy.

Signed 13th Day of October, 2020

Jennifer Gregerson  
Mayor