

# CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, Yakima, Washington, U.S.A. and Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico have built strong ties between their communities thanks to a shared commitment to develop a positive and productive Sister City relationship; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sister Cities program fosters mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation through its active global citizen diplomacy network; and*

*WHEREAS, numerous visits by delegations from each Sister City to the other have proven tremendously worthwhile by creating countless opportunities for cultural, educational, and economic exchanges between Yakima and Morelia; and*

*WHEREAS, the Yakima-Morelia Sister City relationship has significantly enriched both communities since it began; and*

*WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Yakima-Morelia Sister City Association continue to enthusiastically promote friendship and collaboration between our two communities and our two countries; and*

*WHEREAS, Yakima is proud to host a distinguished delegation from Morelia and extends warm wishes for a valuable and beneficial visit; and*

*WHEREAS, the Yakima-Morelia Sister City Association is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> year of citizen to citizen diplomacy with their Sister City Morelia.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Byers, Mayor of the City of Yakima, and on behalf of the Yakima City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 1, 2024 as*

## **YAKIMA – MORELIA SISTER CITY WEEK**

*in the City of Yakima and encourage everyone in our community to welcome our honored guests from Morelia, the great capitol city of Michoacan, Mexico.*

*Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024*

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*Patricia Byers Mayor*