



# PROCLAMATION

## Stormwater Awareness Week

**WHEREAS**, stormwater is rainwater that falls on hard surfaces and does not soak into the ground, creating runoff. This runoff picks up pollution from automobiles, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, trash, and pet waste as it moves over roads, sidewalks, parking lots, roofs, and lawns; and

**WHEREAS**, this runoff empties into storm drains and then flows untreated into our rivers, streams, lakes, and Puget Sound; and

**WHEREAS**, plants and soil can help clean the water by filtering pollutants, and features such as porous pavement, stormwater ponds, native plants, rain gardens, and bioswales can help prevent and treat stormwater pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State is a leader in reducing and preventing stormwater pollution, and by focusing on this issue, will continue to address the challenges associated with polluted runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, Stormwater Awareness Week is an opportunity for local governments, businesses, and environmental groups to highlight the importance of preventing stormwater pollution in our rivers, lakes, streams, and other waterways.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mason Thompson, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim the week of November 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> as Stormwater Awareness Week in the City of Bothell, and urge all residents, businesses, and visitors to participate in responsible stormwater choices to protect our waterbodies.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

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Mason Thompson, Mayor