



**PORT OF GRAPEVIEW
PROCLAMATION**

100TH ANNIVERSARY CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

WHEREAS, the Port of Grapeview, Grapeview, Mason County, Washington, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary after its founding in November 14, 1923, by citizens with a shared vision to "care for commodities shipped into or out of the district by water"; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Grapeview sold bonds in 1923 to construct a building and a dock near the old McLane Cove Bridge and a pier and building with float and gang plank at Oak Passage; and

WHEREAS, for many years the two piers and floats served the farmers and travelers of Grapeview until overland transport replaced the Mosquito Fleet steamships around Puget Sound in the late 1930's; and

WHEREAS, in 1959 it was decided that the Port build a small boat launch ramp at Fair Harbor at the end of Griswold Avenue, later adding a second ramp in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in late 1988, the Port of Grapeview began looking toward the future due to increasing population growth and purchased property in 1992, that was then known as the Fair Harbor Boat Launch Ramp Parking Lot; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 an effort was begun to revitalize the Fair Harbor Boat Ramp which was in serious disrepair after 50 years and thanks to the recognition and financing by Washington State's Recreation and Conservation Office through a series of grants, work started in 2015 and was completed in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Grapeview has seen a great deal of growth and improvements in its 100 years of existence and looks forward to another 100 years of the same growth and improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Grapeview continues to provide recreational and economic development opportunities in the community; and

WHEREAS, this 100th year anniversary is not possible without dedicated, hardworking volunteers, staff and the Commissioners that have served the District in the past and present.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the board of Commissioners of the Port of Grapeview, Grapeview, Mason County, Washington, does recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary and Centennial Commemoration of the Port of Grapeview, this 17th day of October 2023.

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