

## PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, there is compelling scientific evidence of a correlation between negative childhood experiences (known as Adverse Childhood Experiences [ACE]) and the resulting lifespan behavioral and health problems when ACEs are unrecognized and unaddressed; and

**WHEREAS**, the cumulative effects of such experiences over a lifespan, if ignored, are detrimental to individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Children's Resilience Initiative of Walla Walla has a vision of a community where all young people thrive and all parents raise their children with consistency and nurturance to develop lasting resilience, with the goal to mobilize the community through dialogue and action to radically reduce the number of ACEs while building individual and community resilience.

**NOW, THEREFORE** I, Allen Pomraning, Mayor of Walla Walla, do hereby proclaim October of 2016 to be the fourth annual

### **Resilience Awareness Month in Walla Walla**

and urge all our residents to become informed about ACEs, their impact on development and long-term health outcomes, and how to create a community conversant in resilience strategies for ALL individuals to benefit from, and to integrate these principles into our everyday work and practice, and to otherwise support the work of the Children's Resilience Initiative as a community of hope and healing.



Allen Pomraning, Mayor