



## City of Yachats

### PROCLAMATION

#### Proclaiming January 1, 2018 as "Peace Pole Day" in Yachats, Oregon

WHEREAS, the first day of January has become a special time for remembering the Yachats area as the home of the Ya'Xaik People, southern villages of the Alsea, the genocide committed against the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Alsea Indians at the Alsea Sub-agency, and the treacherous forced march of Amanda and her People from Coos Bay to Yachats; and

WHEREAS, the Yachats City Council declared on December 8, 2016, that each January 1 would be observed by the City as "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY", highlighted with the annual New Year's Day Peace Hike, joining participants of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw with members of additional Tribes, citizens and friends of Yachats; and Indians

WHEREAS, The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan by Masahisa Goi (1916-1980), in 1955, and then introduced to the United States in 1986, with Peace Poles now the most recognized international peace symbol, with more than 200,000 Peace Poles standing in 180 countries throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the first Peace Pole was erected in Yachats, Oregon, alongside the ocean in a small park at West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Ocean View Drive on November 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the placement of a second Peace Pole in the downtown mall of Yachats has been selected to show that, along with people from all faiths and nationalities, the citizens of Yachats care about peace in their world; they want the Peace Pole to serve as a reminder that cooperation and diplomacy are paths to world peace and understanding; and the Peace Pole bears the same message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in eight languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Cherokee; and

WHEREAS, this Peace Pole is given in memory of the Rev. Marie Soward Green, whose life and ministry supported world peace efforts as a member of the executive committee of the International Disciples Peace Fellowship and other peace and justice groups, and who was recognized in March 2012 "For Enduring Contributions to the City and the People of Yachats, OR" by Yachats Mayor Ron Brean;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gerald Stanley, Mayor of the City of Yachats, do hereby proclaim January 1, 2018, as "PEACE POLE DAY" in Yachats, Oregon, and urge all citizens to recognize and applaud the efforts for raising awareness to world peace.

DATED this first day of January, 2018.

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GERALD F. STANLEY, Mayor