In Recognition
South Sound 911

WHEREAS, on September 7th, 2020, just before 5 p.m., a series of unprecedented brush fires erupted in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, South Sound 911 began to receive 911 calls reporting smoke and fire along State Route 167; within four hours, another fast-moving fire was reported in Graham; and the next morning the Sumner Grade Fire broke out, threatening the communities of Bonney Lake and Sumner; and

WHEREAS, due to extreme weather conditions, the fires quickly escalated to large-scale wildland fires, which are rarely experienced on the western side of the State; and

WHEREAS, residents were evacuated, shelter sites set up, emergency operations declared, and mutual aid activated; and

WHEREAS, over a three day period, the fires contributed to the loss of seven homes and numerous other losses in Pierce County, totaling nineteen residential fires, eight commercial fires and seventy-two brush fires; and

WHEREAS, the total fire activity was significant and would have been overwhelming if not for South Sound 911 first responders, who brought order and calm to a few very chaotic days by handling a significant volume of calls, working extended shifts, deploying with the Incident Management Team and Emergency Operations Center, and in some cases coming to work on their own accord to assist;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIA R. WOODARDS, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, recognize the South Sound 911 first responders and commend them for their extraordinary work under extreme conditions during the State Route 167, Graham and Sumner Grade Fire events, and thank them for their continued service to our community.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2020

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