

~PROCLAMATION~

Whereas, The Clark County Council finds it proper and fitting to celebrate exceptional county residents who have contributed to the culture, development, and spirit of Clark County; and

Whereas, James Lee Hansen, at 99 years old, has been a lifelong resident of Clark County, graduating from Vancouver High School in 1943, serving in the United States Navy during WWII, and operating his own studios in Vancouver and Battle Ground over the ensuing decades; and

Whereas, James Lee Hansen has created over 800 sculptures since 1950, with work shown locally, across the U.S., and internationally. A sculptor, poet, and teacher, he has earned a reputation as an inventive and productive artist, connecting tradition and history with contemporary expression. He has shown leadership and foresight over his career, including decades of teaching sculpture, making castings of petroglyphs prior to their destruction during river damming, and organizing architectural art commissions; and

Whereas, The Clark County Arts Commission has honored James Lee Hansen with their lifetime achievement award to celebrate his accomplishments and artistic spirit. He has left an artistic legacy that will long endure, and his work will stand for generations to come.

Now, therefore, we the Board of Clark County Councilors, proclaim October 15, 2024, to be

~ James Lee Hansen Day ~

in Clark County, Washington, and commend Mr. Hansen for a lifetime of artistic contributions to our community.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2024.

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