

# ~P R O C L A M A T I O N ~

**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,** Karen Madsen is an educator, a world class visual artist, a founding member of the Clark County Arts Commission—serving as the second Chair of Arts of Clark County (Artstra)—and a cofounder and director of the Vancouver Organization for Contemporary Art. Her work as an artist has been recognized with numerous honors; and

**Whereas,** Karen was instrumental in organizing and implementing multiple Clark County arts and culture summits, including “Creating a Voice” in 2012 and “Creating Space for the Arts” in 2017, which have brought the community together and led to the formation of cultural commissions in several of Clark County’s cities; and

**Whereas,** Karen has helped to launch arts programs in Clark County, including Clark County Open Studios, Poetry Moves, and Arts Alive!; and

**Whereas,** The Clark County Arts Commission has honored Karen Madsen with their lifetime achievement award to celebrate her accomplishments and artistic spirit. She has left an artistic legacy that will long endure, and her contributions to Clark County have helped to build a thriving arts community in the county.

**Now, therefore,** we the Clark County Council, proclaim October 21, 2025, to be

## ~ *Karen Madsen Day* ~

in Clark County, Washington, and commend Ms. Madsen for her decades of service and her artistic contributions to our community.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025.

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