



Office of Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, local theaters first began entertaining the citizens of the fledgling town of North Bend and the area of the Snoqualmie Valley in the 1910s with silent movies and the early “talkies” movies; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre began entertaining the citizens in the 1930s in the McClellan building; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre built a new theatre in the classic Art Moderne architectural style with a stepped parapet and curved corners accented by incised banding designed by William Blaisdell and Herb Johnson, built by Emmet Jackson, and owned and managed by Jay Tew; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre celebrated its Grand Opening on April 9, 1941 with 412 new red plush seats, a small seating area upstairs, a crying room, a silver screen with the latest in sound equipment and air-conditioning, and a large neon sign that could be “seen from a long distance”; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre was designated a historic landmark by the King County Landmarks Commission in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre has continuously operated as a movie theatre since April 9, 1941 serving as a community gathering space and downtown North Bend anchor; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend Theatre will celebrate its 80th continuous year as a local, historic, independent movie theatre on April 9, 2021; and will continue to entertain and delight future generations of North Bend and the Snoqualmie Valley,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob McFarland, Mayor, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 9, 2021 as

NORTH BEND THEATRE DAY

in the City of North Bend and call upon all citizens to join in the celebration of movie popcorn and sharing movies as a community at our local, historic, independent movie theatre.



Signed this 6th day of April, 2021



Rob McFarland
Mayor