## **Proclamation**

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek takes great pride in recognizing and honoring our military men and women for their service in protecting our great country; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS Ralph Johnson, DDG-114, is the newest US Navy Arleigh Burke class vessel to be assigned to Navy Base Everett, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a long tradition in the United States of America of cities adopting U.S. Navy vessels and their crew in order to foster better community relations between military units and their home base communities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Pam Pruitt, the Mayor of the City of Mill Creek, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the City of Mill Creek hereby adopts the USS Ralph Johnson and its crew as official members of the Mill Creek community and ask all residents of Mill Creek to extend the hand of Friendship and Home to the crew of the USS Ralph Johnson.

Signed this 12th day of March 2019

Pam Pruitt, Mayor

Robert S. Stowe, Interim City Manager

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Gina Pfister, City Clerk