



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bingen is located on the southern slopes of the Cascade Mountain Range, nestled along the north bank of the Columbia River, and surrounded by evergreen forests, rugged basalt cliffs, and fertile soil; and

WHEREAS, indigenous tribes including the Klickitat and Wishxam have called in the area now known as Bingen home for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, early foot trails, wagon roads, and railroads, brought pioneers to Bingen who found the land ideal for agriculture, cattle grazing, and a timber industry; and

WHEREAS, Bingen was platted in 1892 by Theodore Suksdorf and named after Bingen-On-the-Rhine, Germany; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 1924, the City of Bingen, Washington was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bingen has become a vibrant and welcoming community known for its working-class spirit, friendly locals, and proximity to outdoor recreation; and

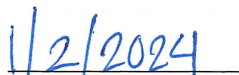
WHEREAS, the City of Bingen has enjoyed the stability which the logging and farming industries have provided to the region, and, most recently, has become a hub for aerospace/tech companies; and

WHEREAS, the community has emphasized the desire to retain the small town character while promoting economic prosperity and is proud of its heritage and building for its future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bingen will celebrate its first 100 years on April 18, 2024; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Catherine Kiewit, Mayor of the City of Bingen, Washington, along with the Bingen City Council do hereby proclaim that the year 2024 shall celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Bingen. We congratulate The City of Bingen on the occasion of reaching this Centennial milestone. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to those who have come before us and for their contributions to our history. I wish our community members, businesses, visitors, and public officials much health, happiness, and good fortune in the coming century—may we celebrate many more years together as family, friends, and neighbors.


Catherine Kiewit, Mayor


Date