



City of Langley  
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## PROCLAMATION

April 2015  
Gray Whale Month  
In Langley, Washington

WHEREAS, Saturday, April 18, 2015 is the day of the annual "Welcome the Whales Parade" in the City of Langley, Washington; and

WHEREAS, April is a month for the celebration of the Gray Whales who migrate through Saratoga Passage on their annual Spring sojourn; and

WHEREAS, a group of Gray Whales, known collectively as the Saratoga Grays, for many many years have been visiting the beaches of the City of Langley to feed and rest on their migratory journey; and

Whereas these whales contribute significantly to the economic health and well-being of our business community by attracting other human visitors; and

Whereas these whales have taught us the importance of tiny sand shrimp to our eco-system; and

Whereas these whales bring joy and wonderment to our citizens and all who observe them near our shores; and

Whereas Gray Whales #21, 22, 44, 53, 56, 356, 383, 531, 723, 396, 543, 1193, 1213 and our beloved "Patch" #49 shall henceforth be considered honorary citizens of Langley; and

WHEREAS, French marine scientist Francois Gordier once said, "Perhaps they are wiser than we know. By allowing us to have personal contact with them, the Gray Whales have become their own best ambassadors for survival."

NOW THEREFORE I, Fred McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Langley, Washington, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as Gray Whale Month in Langley.

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Fred McCarthy, Ed.D., Mayor