

## RESOLUTION 1350

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, NAMING THE BOAT STORAGE BUILDING AT ANCICH PARK THE ALAN ANDERSON BOATHOUSE

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**WHEREAS**, Alan Anderson founded the Gig Harbor Kayak Club in 2002, which later became the Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Team (GHCKRT), and has served for more than 23 years as a volunteer leader, coach, and mentor to youth in the Gig Harbor community; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his long tenure, Mr. Anderson has coached and mentored hundreds of young athletes, emphasizing resilience, sportsmanship and lifelong connections while also creating a supportive and inclusive space for youth and strengthening the culture of recreation, teamwork, and water safety in Gig Harbor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Anderson recognized both the potential of Gig Harbor's waterways and the importance of giving young people access to healthy, disciplined, and skill-building activities that foster confidence, leadership, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, under Mr. Anderson's leadership, the GHCKRT grew from a small grassroots effort into a nationally and internationally recognized competitive organization, with athletes consistently representing Gig Harbor at regional, national, and world-level competitions; and bringing acclaim to local athletes including participation in the Olympic Games and the competitive pathways leading to them; and


**WHEREAS**, Mr. Anderson served as a champion for the boat storage building at Ancich Park, and was instrumental in advocacy and fundraising efforts in partnership with GHCKRT leadership and the city to support the construction of a permanent facility for youth paddling programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the mayor and city council find that naming the boat storage building at Ancich Park in honor of Alan Anderson is a fitting and lasting recognition of his decades of volunteer leadership, mentorship, and contributions to youth development, community engagement, and competitive paddling in Gig Harbor;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor:

**Section 1.** The boat storage building at Ancich Park is hereby named the "Alan Anderson Boathouse."

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Gig Harbor at a regular meeting thereof, held this 26th day of January, 2026.

  
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Mary K. Barber  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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for Joshua Stecker, CMC  
City Clerk