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NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael McCullough, Mayor of Bonney Lake, with the full backing and encouragement of the entirety of the Bonney Lake City Council, do hereby proclaim October 23rd – October 29th, 2023, as <u>National First Responders' Week</u>, and proclaim October 28, 2023, to be

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