PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the USS Lewis and Clark was commissioned in 1965 and underwent its first overhaul at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1971; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 1971, Mr. Shepherd, representing the USS Lewis and Clark, presented to City Council a plot plan for playfield and equipment to be located on a portion of Central Playground; and

WHEREAS, the equipment was completely furnished by the personnel of the USS Lewis and Clark, and the shipmates and wives turned the park into a recreational park; and

WHEREAS, the park was dedicated on June 10, 1972 as Clayton Memorial Park in memory of the late shipmate, Michael "Doc" Clayton, who was killed in a car accident while the boat was in overhaul; and

WHEREAS, 70 former sailors from the USS Lewis and Clark will be reuniting in Silverdale during July 19-21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2012, a group of volunteers will be hosting a barbecue reunion in honor of the former sailors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor of the City of Port Orchard, designate July 20, 2012 as

Clayton Memorial Park Day

in the City of Port Orchard. In memory and humble gratitude for the service of the sailors and their wives to this community, I call upon all employees and citizens of the City of Port Orchard to recognize this day by attending.

Signed the 10th day of July 2012

Timothy C. Matthes, Mayor