

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the population on the Eastside has grown rapidly since 2010, increasing by over 88,000 in the last seven years; and

WHEREAS, over 40% of these newcomers have arrived from places outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of Eastside residents now speak a language other than English at home; and

WHEREAS, diversity is the lifeblood of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, and hard workers; and

WHEREAS, our success depends on ensuring that all our residents feel welcome here;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYORS OF BELLEVUE, ISSAQUAH, KIRKLAND, REDMOND, AND SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, proclaim September 15 through 24, 2017, as

EASTSIDE WELCOMING WEEK

in our cities and call on all our residents to join together to build stronger communities across the Eastside.



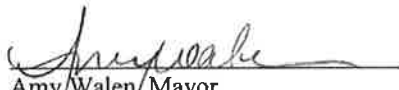
John Stokes, Mayor
City of Bellevue

September 1, 2017
Date



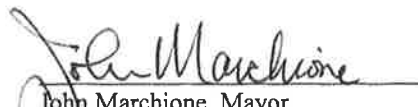
Fred Butler, Mayor
City of Issaquah

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Amy Walen, Mayor
City of Kirkland

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John Marchione, Mayor
City of Redmond

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Bob Keller, Mayor
City of Sammamish

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