

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION HONORING THE VIKING ROBOTICS TEAM FROM BALLARD HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Viking Robotics team from Ballard High School participated in the *FIRST* Robotics Competition – a varsity sport of the mind designed to help high-school-aged young people discover how interesting and rewarding the life of engineers and researchers can be; and

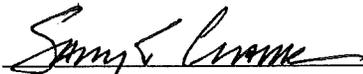
WHEREAS, Viking Robotics in just six weeks designed, engineered, and built a robot capable of shooting basketballs into hoops from various ranges and at varying heights, and

WHEREAS, the team won the Seattle Olympic Regional competition, where they also received the Cooperation Award; and then competed in the Spokane Regional competition, where they received the Motorola Quality Award for their machine’s robustness in concept and fabrication; and

WHEREAS, in only its fourth year together, Viking Robotics competed in the Galileo Division at the national tournament in St. Louis in April 2012 where they represented Seattle with gracious professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the team excites younger students about math and science by presenting robot demonstrations at local elementary schools; and chose the name Viking Robotics in tribute to Ballard’s Scandinavian roots, and in appreciation for all of the support they receive from the local community;

Now, therefore, The Seattle City Council recognizes Viking Robotics, our next generation of engineers and scientists, for their commitment to teamwork, dedication to excellence, and remarkable ingenuity.



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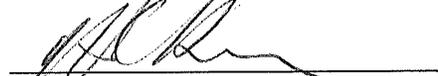
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