

PROCLAMATION

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE
SEATTLE KING COUNTY BRANCH OF THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (NAACP)**

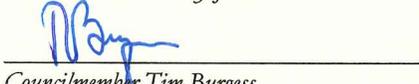
- WHEREAS,** The Seattle King County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (hereinafter called the NAACP) is celebrating its Centennial, commemorating 100 years of dedication, struggle, and achievement to further the cause of fair play, justice, and equal opportunities for minorities in this region; and,
- WHEREAS,** The Seattle Branch of the NAACP was founded on November 6, 1913, and became first of the civil rights organizations to be established in the city of Seattle; and,
- WHEREAS,** Under the guidance of the national founders of the organization, Mary White Ovington, William English Walling and Ida B. Wells Barnett, the NAACP has been known as a strong figure in the advancement of civil rights during an era when segregation and injustice were bluntly practiced as a social norm; and,
- WHEREAS,** Under the guidance of its founders, and some of its early leaders like the legendary W.E.B. DuBois, the Seattle Chapter of the NAACP began with only 22 founding members and has become a large and powerful body of citizens with over 1,500 members, as well as thousands of supporters too numerous to count -- together they join over half a million members and supporters nationally who work tirelessly to right the wrongs of injustice and inequality; and,
- WHEREAS,** The NAACP has led the civil rights struggle making significant gains for quality education, equal employment, and equal housing opportunities; and,
- WHEREAS,** The rightful gains that African Americans and others have made to ensure equal justice have been largely due to the persistence and determination of the NAACP's leadership and membership, and those sympathetic to its cause; and,
- WHEREAS,** During the one hundred year history of the Seattle King County Branch of the NAACP, the Association has worked tirelessly within the system to achieve equal opportunity and justice for all citizens.

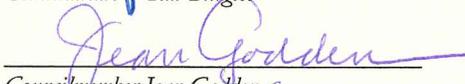
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Seattle City Council officially recognizes
100 years of NAACP leadership in our community and across the nation and we mark this year as the

**SEATTLE KING COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP
100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

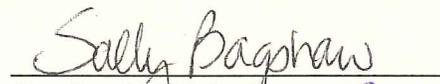
And we do hereby applaud the NAACP for their 100 years of persistence and determination to further the cause of justice and equal opportunity for all citizens.


Council President Sally J. Clark

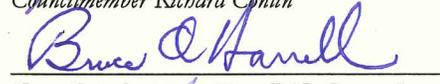

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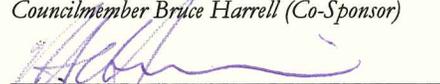

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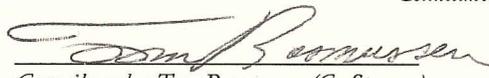

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