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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is proud of its diversity and draws its strength from the cultures, traditions, and experiences of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Seattle celebrates a long history of a vibrant Scandinavian community, with the first Icelanders coming to Seattle in 1882 to live, work, and contribute to our city; and

WHEREAS, Seattle established a formal Sister City relationship with Reykjavik in 1986, a relationship that has been culturally beneficial for both cities; and

WHEREAS, the Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle and the Icelandic National League of North America (INL of NA) have joined forces to host the 94th Annual Convention of the INL of NA at the Seattle Crowne Plaza Hotel April 4 – 7, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Icelandic Club of Greater Seattle is proud to host this conference, which had only been hosted in the United States once prior to this weekend;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle, welcome all those attending the 2013 INL of NA Convention from Iceland, Canada, and across the United States to our beautiful home here in the Pacific Northwest, and hereby proclaim April 4-7, 2013 to be

Icelandic Heritage Days in Seattle

and I urge all to join me in honoring the first Icelanders who arrived in Seattle and the many contributions the Scandinavian community has made to our city.

Michael McGinn

Mayor of Seattle

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