

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is an inclusive city that acknowledges the diverse ethnic cultural backgrounds of its residents, and honors and supports diversity in giving recognition to historical significance of different ethno-cultural backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, of the approximately 71,433 Cambodian refugees entering the United States from 1983-2004, 48, 753 of those refugees came through Seattle, and 2,643 of resettled in the greater Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 U.S. Census indicates that 276,667 people of Cambodian descent live in the United States and 19,240 Cambodian descendants live in the greater Seattle area; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and Seattle's Cambodian American Community honor Cambodian's triumph and liberation through its declaration of independence from France's colonial powers on November 9th,1953; and

WHEREAS, Independence Day for Cambodia is a national Cambodian Holiday, one which holds great historical significance for Cambodian Americans living in Seattle, Washington, and

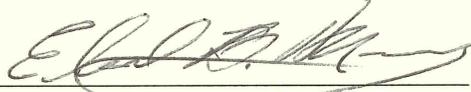
WHEREAS, the Cambodian Community of Greater Seattle supports the City of Seattle's inclusive vision for the city and honors the significance of Cambodian's assumption of independent statehood from France's Colonial Power;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 9, 2014 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

Cambodian Independence Day

and we encourage all residents to honor the progress within our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition of Cambodian American's ethnic cultural heritage and Cambodia Independence Day.

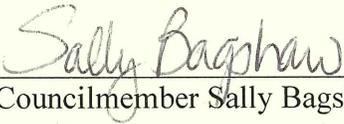
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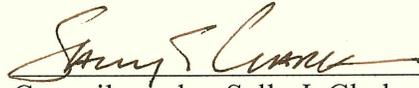
Mayor Edward B. Murray



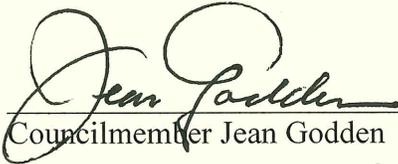
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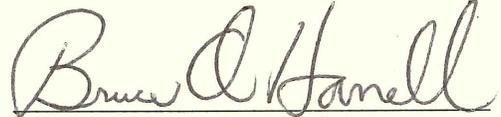
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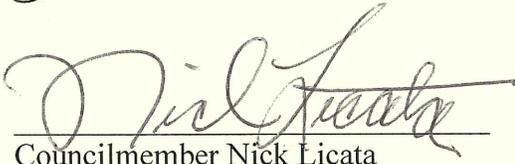
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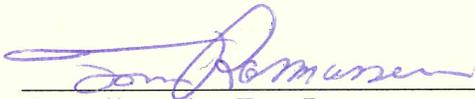
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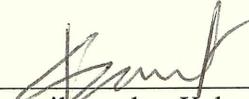
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