

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** The rights of all Americans and human beings are paramount to our survival as a nation and the well-being of our global community; and

**WHEREAS,** Minorities and underrepresented people in America have long faced grave injustices such as slavery, segregation, internment, a lack of voting rights, as well as systemic racism which rears its ugly head in everyday life; and

**WHEREAS,** Ordinary people spurred policymakers into action with lunch counter protests, marches, speeches, and acts of civil disobedience; and

**WHEREAS,** The Civil Rights Act of 1964 represented a strong step forward, but was not the final word on eradicating the influence of racism in society; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Seattle reaffirms its commitment of being a leader in race and social justice initiatives and advancing equality for its employees and residents;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JULY 2, 2014 TO BE, IN OUR CITY*

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

I encourage all residents of Seattle to work as one to identify and solve existing injustices wherever they may lie in our community, and to recognize the courage of those who have fought for justice before.

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