

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Abused Deaf Women’s Advocacy Services empowers Deaf and DeafBlind survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and harassment to transform their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS strives to change the beliefs and behaviors that give rise to violence and oppression and to realize a community and culture free of violence and oppression; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS is unique and vital as an organization run by and for Deaf people, oriented around a Deaf perspective, that fosters cultural and linguistic capacity within Deaf communities; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS is a groundbreaking agency; the first of its kind and now being nationally replicated for its cultural and linguistic competency; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS, in solidarity with marginalized communities, works to end the systemic social inequality, division, violence and oppression that is driven and sustained by privilege in our culture; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS has launched the Engaging Deaf Men Project (EDMP) to enlist deaf and hard of hearing men as allies in ending violence against women by providing them with opportunities for conversations that are safe, constructive and transformative; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS has partnered with the LGBTQ Access project better ensure its services are accessible to LGBTQ communities; and
- WHEREAS,** ADWAS will receive the Seattle Human Services Mayor’s Award on Thursday, June 5th, 2014 and be honored by the gathered human services community in Seattle for its outstanding service to Deaf and DeafBlind survivors and tireless dedication to the movement against gender-based violence and oppression;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 5, 2014, TO BE, IN OUR CITY

Abused Deaf Women’s Services Day

I encourage everyone to join me in honoring this extraordinary agency for its pursuit of an end to domestic violence and sexual assault.



Mayor Ed Murray
City of Seattle



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