

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since 1920, the children of Turkey celebrate April 23, Sovereignty and Children's Day, as a national holiday, highlighting the date of the founding of the National Assembly in the Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk; and

WHEREAS, the importance of April 23 as a special day for children has been recognized by the international community, and UNICEF recognizes the day as International Children's Day; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington organized the first five International Children's Festivals to bring the positive energy of International Children's Day to our state, fostering cultural exchange and friendship among youth; and

WHEREAS, the *Fifth Annual Seattle International Children's Friendship Festival* will feature children's groups representing the heritages of Ahiska Turks, Cambodia, China, India, Iran, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, USA and Zimbabwe, for the purpose of broadening the horizons of our future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Festival is run by children for children, and offers children the opportunity to research and debate their choice of topics in the Kid's Forum, while also learning about healthy nutrition;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
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APRIL 12TH-13TH, 2014, TO BE, WITHIN OUR CITY,

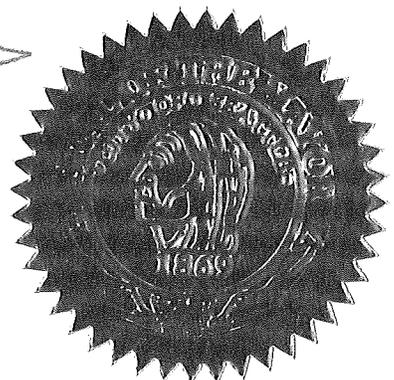
INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL WEEKEND

AND THE DAY OF APRIL 23rd, 2014, TO BE

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S DAY



Mayor Ed Murray
City of Seattle



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