

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the rich heritage of Cambodia, one of the original civilizations in Southeast Asia, dates back over 4,000 years; and

WHEREAS, during the Cambodian Genocide, one of the bloodiest genocides in history, approximately 2 million people lost their lives at the hands of the Khmer Rouge Regime between April 1975 and January 1979; and

WHEREAS, after 1979, over 140,000 refugees, predominantly from overpopulated Thai border camps, relocated to the United States in order to escape the harsh living conditions experienced in the camps and seek asylum from battered, war-torn Cambodia; and

WHEREAS, Cambodian community leaders and elders from across Seattle work together relentlessly to reclaim cultural cornerstones nearly exterminated by the Khmer Rouge Regime and uplift their communities through education and cultural empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is home to a large Cambodian population, whose versatile members increasingly contribute to many thriving local and international businesses, including Amazon, Boeing, Microsoft, and many flourishing entrepreneurial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is important to honor the Cambodian people who suffered and remember those who died at the hands of the Khmer Rouge Regime during the Cambodian Genocide;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, AUGUST 29, 2015 TO BE IN RECONGITION OF

Cambodian Genocide Day of Remembrance



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

