

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL HONORING
the ad hoc Committee to Establish a Seattle Disability Commission (CESDC), Julian Wheeler
and commemorating November 12 as “Julian F. Wheeler and CESDC Day.”**

WHEREAS, In 2008, Julian F. Wheeler spearheaded the formation of the volunteer “ad hoc Committee to Establish a Seattle Disability Commission” (CESDC) with the assistance of Chris Leman and John Denooyer for the goal of advocating for a Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities; and

WHEREAS, On July 24, 2009, as a primary vehicle for this advocacy, the CESDC submitted a Letter to the Mayor of Seattle requesting the creation of a Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities, authored by Julian F. Wheeler, and cosigned by John Denooyer, Marybeth Lum, Christopher Leman, Doug Hildie, Charity Ranger, and Lucille Walls; and

WHEREAS, On November 12, 2009, following the sustained advocacy efforts in the form of appearances at Council Budget hearings and meeting with City Council, the CESDC was successful in securing funding for the formation and staff capacity to manage the Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities advises the Mayor, City Council, and City departments about important issues for people with disabilities, recommend policies, practices, and legislation to the City in matters affecting people with disabilities, and encourage understanding among people with various disabilities as well as between people with disabilities and the larger Seattle community; and

WHEREAS, There are over 70 Boards and Commissions in the City represented by over 900 constituents, many of which were the product of advocacy and campaigns aimed at the goal of bridging community voice in policies, programs, and issues; and

WHEREAS, The Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities, the legacy of the CESDC, continues its work to this day advancing social justice for people with disabilities and, thereby, for all people;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL, PROCLAIMS NOVEMBER 12, 2019 – THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR A SEATTLE COMMISSION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—TO BE

JULIAN F. WHEELER AND CESDC DAY

FOR CONTRIBUTIONS OF MR. WHEELER AND THE CESDC TO THE CITY OF SEATTLE AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES COMMISSION

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