

Proclamation in Recognition of David Clark Brewster for his many Contributions to the City of Seattle

- WHEREAS,** David Brewster has nurtured journalists, promoted civic and performing arts projects, and cajoled politicians for nearly 60 years; and
- WHEREAS,** with a fresh Master's Degree in hand from Yale, he came to Seattle in 1965 with his wife Joyce to be an assistant English professor at the University of Washington; and
- WHEREAS,** David found that an academic career could not satisfy his itch to change Seattle for the better; and
- WHEREAS,** with a finely-sharpened red pencil he switched to a career in journalism that has had a profound impact on local politics, music, literature, and the common good; and
- WHEREAS,** David started writing for the *Seattle Times* until hired away by *Seattle Magazine*, and then by KING TV, and then by *The Argus*, all the while using his pen and his wit for positive civic change; and
- WHEREAS,** he then set out on his own creating *The Seattle Weekly*, where for over twenty years he was editor, publisher, political gadfly, and entrepreneurial maverick; and
- WHEREAS,** David published Northwest's Best Places, started Sasquatch Books, built the Mark Toby Pub where people could gather, squabble, and debate over beer good and bad; launched Eastside Week, filling the news desert that was the eastside; purchased the Fourth Church of Christ Scientist turning it into the now iconic Town Hall Seattle; launched the online newspaper Crosscut helping to fill the gap created by the demise of the Seattle P.I; built Folio, the Seattle Athenaeum, a library and gathering place for lovers of great books and intelligent civic discussions; and created Post Alley, a news and opinion outlet for dozens of former journalists new and seasoned, affectionately known as the FOBS — the Friends Of Brewster; and served on many cultural boards including Cornish College, Seattle Symphony, and Seattle Opera; and
- WHEREAS,** as a lover of classical music, he helped to fund and promote the Northwest Chamber Orchestra, a music ensemble called the Seattle Camerata and the Seattle Chamber Music Festival; and

WHEREAS, David has effectively challenged and ultimately improved other people’s visions for the University of Washington campus, the Arboretum, Seattle Center, the Waterfront; and

WHEREAS, he has been a cultural catalyst, a citizen of the year, a journalist who looks beyond problems to seek solutions; and

WHEREAS, David has been a good-natured, well-intended thorn in the side of Mayors, Councilmembers, and other dedicated disciples of the “Seattle process of seeking consensus through exhaustion;”

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CELEBRATION OF HIS EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL LIFE OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, the Seattle City Council and Mayor Bruce Harrell RECOGNIZE the contributions of David Clark Brewster AND PROCLAIM, TUESDAY OCTOBER 22nd OF 2024, TO BE

David Brewster Day



Mayor Bruce Harrell



Council President Sara Nelson



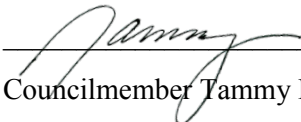
Councilmember Joy Hollingsworth



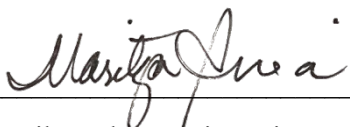
Councilmember Robert Kettle



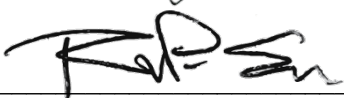
Councilmember Cathy Moore



Councilmember Tammy Morales



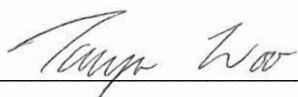
Councilmember Maritza Rivera



Councilmember Rob Saka



Councilmember Dan Strauss



Councilmember Tanya Woo