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# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle's libraries are leaders in making literacy, information, and community available to all residents regardless of ability; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, headquartered in Seattle contributes to the local empowerment of individuals with disabilities and improves educational and professional opportunities and overall quality of life through the provision of books, periodicals, information, and training opportunities in accessible formats; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library helps build connections, opportunities, and personal and professional growth through free and equal access to information, and through partnerships with local disability organizations to foster a life long love of reading from birth to end of life; and

WHEREAS, the programs and services offered by the Washington Talking Book & Braille Library contribute significantly to meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities and the disability community at large: free library service to any resident unable to read standard print material, locally produced audio and braille books, volunteer and professional development opportunities, education and training, youth and family programs, book clubs, author interviews, programs and events, advocacy; and

WHEREAS, Seattle residents value commitment and services that make the world a more equitable, accessible, and accepting place to live for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike McGinn, mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2012

## Washington Talking Book & Braille Library Day

In Seattle, and I call upon public officials, educators, businesses, communities, volunteers, and all the people of Seattle, Washington to observe this day, and to celebrate these accomplishments and efforts towards a more equitable society

Mike McGinn
Mayor of Seattle