City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Seattle is home to a vibrant, vital music scene and exceptional, cutting-edge musical talent, and our independent record stores have made possible and continue to sustain our identity as a City of Music; and,

Whereas, Our record stores are more than just stores; they are cultural centers in our community, spaces where people meet, explore and learn about music, criticize and assess, share their thoughts and suggestions, make friends and, if they are responsible and civic-minded, actually buy some records; and,

Whereas, Despite their importance to our City and its culture, Seattle's record stores, like record stores across the nation, are struggling; the proliferation of free music on the internet and the ease of shopping online have caused many to forget the excitement of finding a new favorite record or discovering a rare treasure in the stacks; and,

Whereas, Record Store Day is an annual reminder of the role our record stores play in bringing people together across our City in appreciation of music and an opportunity for us to support record stores and show our gratitude;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 19th IN OUR CITY TO BE

Seattle Record Store Day

I encourage everyone to support Seattle's independent record stores and celebrate their ongoing contributions to our thriving music scene and its brilliant, talented musicians.

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