

PROCLAMATION

IN OBSERVANCE OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA GENOCIDE

WHEREAS, both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate passed resolutions in 2005 acknowledging the genocide perpetrated in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 1992 to 1995, while the City of Seattle issued a proclamation that year recognizing the tragedy's tenth anniversary; and

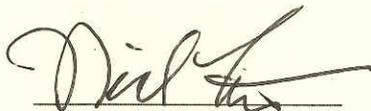
WHEREAS, July 11, 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide, in which at least 8,372 Bosnian boys and men were systematically executed and 30,000 Bosnians were expelled from their homes in the worst atrocity in Europe since the Holocaust; and

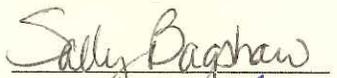
WHEREAS, this anniversary, together with the 23rd anniversary of the beginning of the Bosnia-Herzegovina war, raises awareness of the Bosnian peoples' tragic suffering and commemorates the over 100,000 civilians who died as a result of ethnic cleansing, crimes against humanity and unwarranted acts of aggression, as well as the 2 million people who were displaced from their homes and the 20,000 girls and women who were raped between 1992 to 1995; and

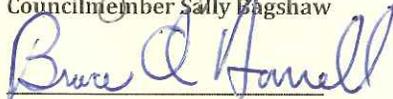
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the importance of these events, not just to Bosnians, but to all of humanity, in demonstrating how hatred, intolerance and discrimination can lead to the worst kinds of atrocities unleashed on humanity; and

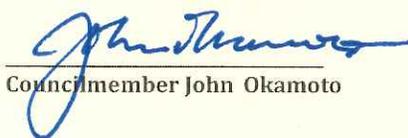
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle and its residents have provided generous support and aid to residents of Bosnian descent to help bring closure to this tragedy in pursuit of justice and truth;

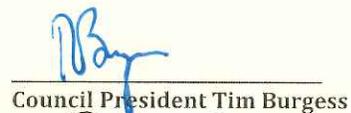
Now, therefore, The Seattle City Council proclaims
July 11th a Day of Remembrance for Srebrenica and Bosnia-Herzegovina

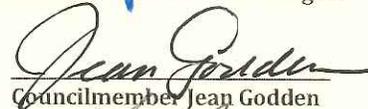

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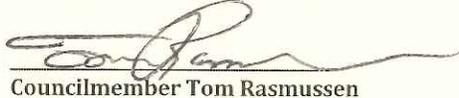

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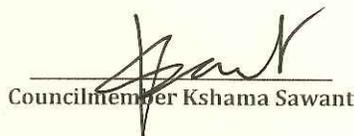

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