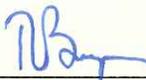


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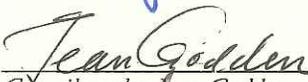
- WHEREAS, Today, we honor Washington State University President Elson S. Floyd for his unwavering commitment and service to all Washington students. Dr. Floyd was a nationally respected voice for affordable, accessible higher education. He worked tirelessly by inspiring students and challenging them towards a gateway of success; and
- WHEREAS, Dr. Floyd often talked about being raised in the south as the oldest of four children. His parents never made it past the 7th and 8th grade, so he knew firsthand the kind of doors than can be opened for students who have the opportunity to afford and pursue a higher education; and
- WHEREAS, A native of Henderson, N.C., he held a bachelor of arts degree in political science and speech, a masters of education degree in adult education, and a doctor of philosophy degree in higher and adult education, all from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He went on to lead one of America's most productive research universities—Washington State University (WSU); and
- WHEREAS, In the last five months of his life, Dr. Floyd successfully pulled together support from Washington State lawmakers on both sides of the aisle that allowed WSU to create its own medical school, which is expected to begin teaching its first class in fall of 2017. WSU is now classified among the nation's 96 leading public and private universities; and
- WHEREAS, Today, we remember Dr. Elson S. Floyd for his service to Washington students. We join his wife, Carmento Floyd, Elson's family, friends and colleagues and honor his vision and leadership, which reflects the best our state has to offer.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Seattle City Council that the 29th day of June, 2015, shall be proclaimed as

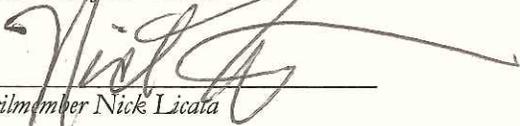
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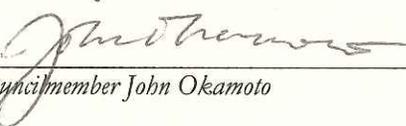
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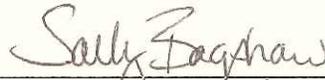
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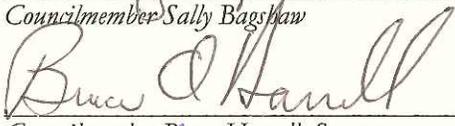
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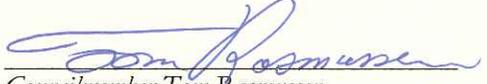
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Councilmember Bruce Harrell, Sponsor



Councilmember Mike O'Brien



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