

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) of the United States Department of State is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, this flagship exchange program invites emerging foreign leaders working in the political, economic, educational, media, religious and civil society sectors to experience US society and values and to build abiding connections with American peers; and

WHEREAS, the International Visitor Leadership Program can trace its roots back to 1940 when the U.S. Department of State began supporting people-to-people exchanges as a part of the practice of diplomacy. These programs have provided opportunities for domestic and international emerging leaders to exchange ideas and collaborate on common challenges in order to build a more peaceful and prosperous world. Department of State-sponsored exchange alumni include 385 current or former heads of state, 63 Nobel laureates, and thousands of leaders across the private and non-profit sectors; and

WHEREAS, the International Visitor Leadership Program promotes international relationships that work to foster economic growth and development; champion democracy and human rights; expand tolerance and dialogue; assist at-risk populations; support public health; and propel climate change action; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is a diverse and welcoming city that is eager to engage emerging global leaders, and is proud to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the International Visitor Leadership Program and other Department of State exchanges;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 9, 2015 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

International Visitor Leadership Day



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

