

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, peace and justice are among the greatest desires of the people of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, seventy years ago, on August 6th and August 9th, the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were destroyed by the United States in the first and only use of nuclear weapons against people, with thousands still impacted by health effects from the bombings; and

WHEREAS, 2015 marks the seventy third anniversary of Executive Order 9066, leading to the unjust and wrongful internment, and confiscation of property of many American citizens of Japanese descent here in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Seattle deplore hatred based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation which lead to acts of violence around the world and even within our own city; and

WHEREAS, worldwide commemorations take place every year in remembrance of the victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and calling for peace and justice for all peoples; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is member of the Mayors for Peace program, a global network of mayors opposed to nuclear war and supporting nuclear abolition; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Seattle join with the citizens of Hiroshima in their call that all cities and citizens of the world join together in expanding the circle of solidarity transcending national boundaries, partisan ideologies, and religious creeds to strengthen the bond of human friendship and solidarity

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM, AUGUST 6, 2015 TO BE

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day – Day of Peace and Justice



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

