City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Dennis Coleman led the Seattle Men's Chorus for the last 35 years, overseeing its growth to the largest men's LGBTQ chorus in the world with 360 active members; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Coleman helped found and direct the Seattle Women's Chorus in 2002, which now has 250 members, making it the largest women's LGBTQ chorus in the world; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Coleman transformed the Chorus into an important voice for the LGBTQ community, and also a supportive, empowering space during the AIDS epidemic, the struggle for marriage equality, and many other historic moments in LGBTQ history; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle Men's and Women's Choruses are woven into Seattle's artistic and civic culture, and are an integral part of cherished community events for all Seattle residents; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Coleman has led the Men's and Women's Choruses in representing Seattle's commitment to equity on stages across the world, and helped found the international Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Coleman has cultivated a melodious voice for acceptance that leaves a lasting and influential legacy for the Seattle Men's and Women's Choruses, Seattle's vibrant music scene, and our local LGBTQ communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AUGUST 8TH, 2016 TO BE

DENNIS COLEMAN DAY