

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, ROOTS (Relatives of OldTimers of Seattle) was organized in 1970 as a celebration to acknowledge and appreciate the history, contributions and friendships established among Seattle African American families who established their roots in the Northwest prior to World War II; and

WHEREAS, ROOTS has grown to become an annual tradition and cultural event that welcomes the descendants, families and friends of all Great Northwest African American pioneering families and friends that helped to shape and create vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, each year the ROOTS celebration strives to connect the past, close the generation gap and preserve the African American legacy that makes up the diverse mosaic within the City of Seattle by honoring the expression: "To know your past, is to inform your future;" and

WHEREAS, in celebration of the 44th Annual ROOTS Family Picnic, the current day commitment remains true to its founders, that engaged communities respect identity, preserve legacy, acknowledge accomplishment and build friendships;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 4, 2016 TO BE

ROOTS Day



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

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