PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bob Santos was a trailblazer for his legendary activism, community engagement, and coalition-building which advocated for many of Seattle's underrepresented and minority communities; and

WHEREAS, Bob was known as everyone's "uncle" for his compassion and mentorship of countless others, passing on his legacy of community advocacy; and

WHEREAS, he was known affectionately as the "Mayor of Chinatown" for his leadership in forming Interim CDA as the premier community organization for Chinatown/International District and decades-long commitment to preserving the character of Chinatown/International District; and

WHEREAS, along with other legendary activists including King County Councilmember Larry Gossett, founder of the United Indians of All Tribes Foundation Bernie Whitebear, and founder of El Centro de la Raza Roberto Maestas, Bob Santos formed the "Gang of Four" which had profound impact on providing a platform and voice for communities of color; and

WHEREAS, during his extraordinary life, Bob Santos devoted his life to public service whether managing political campaigns, serving as a public official, forming community organizations, or cultivating a younger generation of community leaders and activists with his counsel; and

WHEREAS, Bob passed away on August 27th, 2016 at the age of 82 and leaves behind a community that under his leadership is stronger, more resilient, active in social justice, forceful in its advocacy, benevolent to others, and firmly devoted to the principles that define a true community; and

WHEREAS, we deeply miss Uncle Bob Santos and his legacy, impact, and memory will live forever in our hearts and in the heart of Seattle,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR OF SEATTLE DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2016 TO BE IN HONOR OF

"Uncle" Bob Santos

Mayor Edward B. Murray

Council President Bruce Harrell

Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Councilmember Tim Burgess

Councilmember M. Lorena González

Councilmember Lisa Herbold

Councilmember Rob Johnson

Councilmember Debora Juarez

Councilmember Mike O'Brien

Councilmember Kshama Sawant