

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

COMMENDATION

Whereas: The Boeing Company Centennial occurs on July 15, 2016; and

Whereas: The Boeing Company founded in Seattle, Washington by William Edward Boeing grew from a small red barn on the shores of the Duwamish River to the largest aerospace and defense contractor in the world, the largest exporter in the United States providing products to 150 countries, ranks 27th on the “World’s Most Admired Companies” list, and for the fifth straight year, was named the No. 1 innovator among aerospace and defense companies; and

Whereas: The Boeing Company contributes significantly to the health of the State of Washington, employing more than 79,000 — half of its global workforce— in the State and purchasing \$5.7 billion annually in materials, supplies and services from 1,943 Washington State vendors; and

Whereas: With The Boeing Company at its root, Washington has become one of the largest aerospace industry clusters in the world, supporting more than 1,350 aerospace and related companies that directly and indirectly support more than a quarter of a million jobs and generate \$85.7 billion in annual economic activity; and

Whereas: The Boeing Company embraces a culture of caring and support for all Washingtonians, encouraging employees to volunteer, and investing more than \$53 million annually in the areas of education, health and human services, arts and culture, environment, and civic engagement; and

Whereas: The Boeing Company on a national level employs more than 23,000 veterans, many still serving in the National Guard and Reserve and partners with more than 50 airline customers completing over 170 humanitarian relief flights since 1992.

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby commend **The Boeing Company for the significant contributions that they have made to the State of Washington over the past 100 years.**

John Stokes
Mayor