Whereas: Pasado the donkey, who lived at Kelsey Creek Farm, touched the hearts of countless Bellevue residents with his sweet personality and joyful presence; and

Whereas: Pasado was killed 30 years ago and his death stunned the local community, but it ignited a force and a voice for the animals; and

Whereas: Pasado's Safe Haven was founded in Pasado's honor to end animal cruelty and create a more compassionate world; and

Whereas: "Pasado's Law" was passed which made 1st degree animal cruelty a felony in Washington; and

Whereas: Pasado's Safe Haven has, for 25 years, rescued thousands of animals in our community from abuse and neglect; provided a safe haven, medical care and found new homes for rescued animals; fought to improve legal protections for animals and inspire new thinking about which animals deserve our protection; helped improve access to basic pet services for income qualified families in our community;

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf its Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim April 15, 2022 as

Pasado Day

In Bellevue, and encourage all citizens to honor the incredible legacy that Pasado the donkey has left behind and the countless animals that he and Pasado's Safe Haven have impacted throughout the Bellevue area and beyond.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue