

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the population on the Eastside has grown rapidly since 2010, increasing by over 79,000 in the last six years; and

WHEREAS, 30% of these newcomers have arrived from places outside the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of Eastside residents now speak a language other than English at home; and


WHEREAS, diversity is the lifeblood of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, and hard workers; and

WHEREAS, our success depends on ensuring that all our residents feel welcome here;

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYORS OF BELLEVUE, ISSAQUAH, KIRKLAND, REDMOND, AND SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, proclaim September 16 through 25, 2016, as

EASTSIDE WELCOMING WEEK

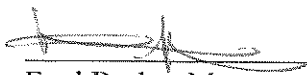
in our cities and call on all our residents to join together to build stronger communities across the Eastside.



John Stokes, Mayor
City of Bellevue



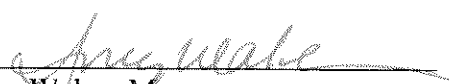
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Fred Butler, Mayor
City of Issaquah




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Amy Walen, Mayor
City of Kirkland



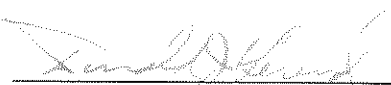
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John Marchione, Mayor
City of Redmond



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Don Gerend, Mayor
City of Sammamish



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