

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** the population on the Eastside has grown rapidly since 2010, increasing by over 88,000 in the last seven years; and

**WHEREAS,** over 40% 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;

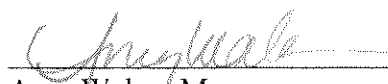
**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYORS OF BELLEVUE, ISSAQUAH, KIRKLAND, REDMOND, AND SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON,** proclaim September 15 through 24, 2017, as

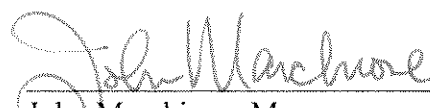
### EASTSIDE WELCOMING WEEK


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

  
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John Stokes, Mayor  
City of Bellevue  
September 1, 2017  
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Fred Butler, Mayor  
City of Issaquah  
September 1, 2017  
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Amy Walen, Mayor  
City of Kirkland  
September 1, 2017  
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John Marchione, Mayor  
City of Redmond  
September 1, 2017  
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Bob Keller, Mayor  
City of Sammamish  
September 4, 2017  
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Date