WHEREAS, May is national Older Americans Month, and the 2018 theme is “Engage at Any Age;” and

WHEREAS, among more than 200,000 Seattle residents who are age 50 or older, there are some shining examples of older adults who continue to make a difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is John Pehrson, a resident of Mirabella Seattle, which is hosting an Older Americans Month event on May 4, 2018; and

WHEREAS, John served several terms on the City of Seattle’s Families and Education Levy Oversight Committee, and has participated in countless other civic activities; and

WHEREAS, as an 18-year resident of downtown Seattle, John has been an active member of neighborhood councils in Belltown and South Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 years into retirement, John instigated Market to MOHAI, a plan to develop an urban pedestrian trail linking downtown Seattle’s Pike Place Market with South Lake Union’s Museum of History and Industry; and

WHEREAS, at age 91, John remains committed to enhancing the vibrancy of Belltown, Denny Triangle, and South Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, John maintains a laser focus on identifying the resources needed to provide visual identity and age- and disability-friendly lighting, seating, and other pedestrian amenities to the project;
NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor of Seattle and Seattle City Council recognize

John Pehrson

as a mover and a shaker in Seattle who serves as a social and civic engagement role model for others, young and old.

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Councilmember Sally Bagshaw

Councilmember Lisa Herbold

Councilmember Rob Johnson

Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda

Councilmember Kshama Sawant

Councilmember Mike O’Brien