

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to more than 121,515 residents age 55 or older—nearly one-quarter of the population—who enrich and strengthen our community through their diverse life experiences, and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is an age-friendly community that supports respect and social inclusion of older adults and community support and health services that meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has committed to strengthening our community by connecting with and supporting older people, their families, and caregivers, as evidenced by the creation of Age Friendly Seattle, an initiative to make our city a great place to grow up and grow old; and

WHEREAS, through Age Friendly Seattle and also long-standing programs such as Seattle Parks and Recreation's Lifelong Recreation Program and Seattle Human Services Department's Aging and Disability Services division, we can enhance the lives of older people in our community, involving them in community events and activities; providing opportunities for them to volunteer, learn, lead; and promoting home- and community-based services that support independent living; and

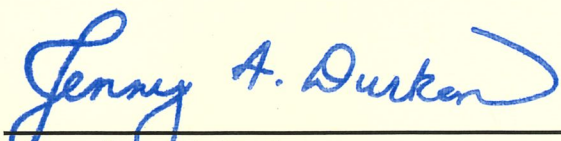
WHEREAS, since 1963, our nation has recognized May as Older Americans Month, a time to acknowledge the contributions of past and current older people to our country; and

WHEREAS, the national theme for Older Americans Month 2019 is "Connect, Create, Contribute;" ; and

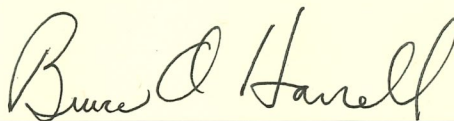
WHEREAS, we encourage all Seattle residents to take time this month to connect with older family members, older friends, older neighbors, and older colleagues; acknowledge their valuable contributions, past and present; and encourage their ongoing physical, mental, and emotional well-being;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR OF SEATTLE AND SEATTLE CITY
COUNCIL DO PROCLAIM MAY 2019 AS

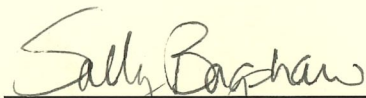
Older Americans Month in Seattle



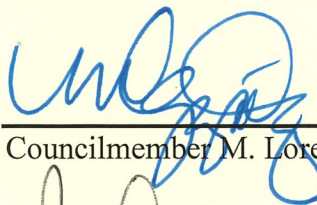
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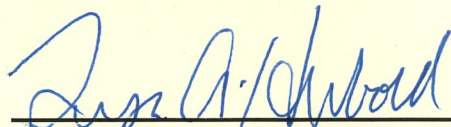
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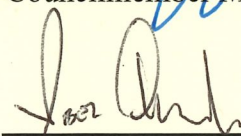
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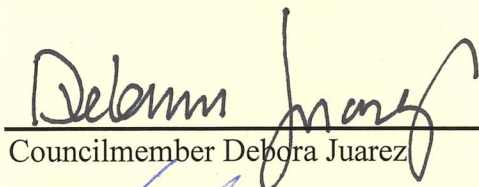
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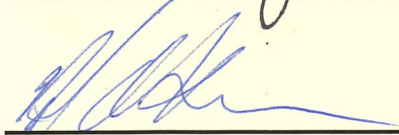
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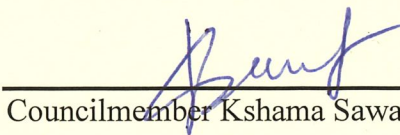
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