

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the population on the Eastside continues to grow rapidly, increasing by over 80,000 residents in the last five 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

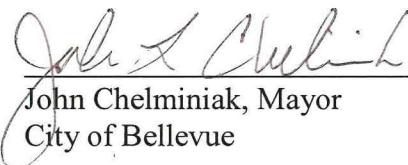
**WHEREAS**, diversity is the lifeblood of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, and hard workers; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE MAYORS OF BELLEVUE, ISSAQAH, KIRKLAND, REDMOND, AND SAMMAMISH, WASHINGTON, proclaim September 14 through 23, 2018, as**

### EASTSIDE WELCOMING WEEK

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



John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue

9-1-2018

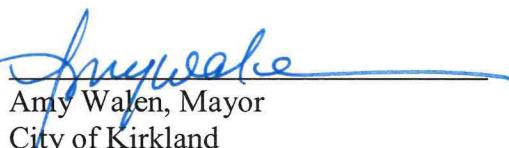
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Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor  
City of Issaquah

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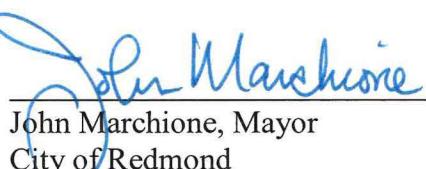
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Amy Walen, Mayor  
City of Kirkland

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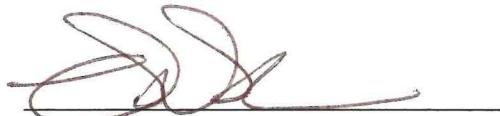
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John Marchione, Mayor  
City of Redmond

September 1, 2018

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Christie Malchow, Mayor  
City of Sammamish

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