

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, ISSAQUAH, 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


Date



Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor
City of Issaquah

9.1.2018


Date



Amy Walen, Mayor
City of Kirkland

9/1/18


Date



John Marchione, Mayor
City of Redmond

September 1, 2018

Date



Christie Malchow, Mayor
City of Sammamish

9-1-2018

Date