

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** the population on the Eastside continues to grow rapidly, increasing by 36% or over 100,000 residents since 2010; and

**WHEREAS,** over 30% 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

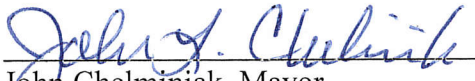
**WHEREAS,** diversity is the lifeblood of our community, bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit, leadership, and hard workers; and

**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 13 through 22, 2019, as

**EASTSIDE WELCOMING WEEK**

in our cities and call on all our residents to join together to build stronger communities and participate in one or more of the dozens of Welcoming Week events across the Eastside.

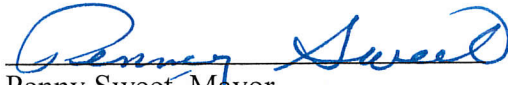
  
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Penny Sweet, Mayor  
City of Kirkland

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John Marchione, Mayor  
City of Redmond

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Christie Malchow, Mayor  
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