



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, International Children's Day originated in Turkey on April 23, 1920 as "Sovereignty and Children's Day," a national holiday; and

WHEREAS, for the last three years, the Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA) has presented the International Children's Friendship Festival to promote cultural exchange and friendship among young people in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the International Children's Friendship Festival showcases the talents of more than 150 children participating in singing, dancing, and musical performances, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the UNICEF Education Fund; and

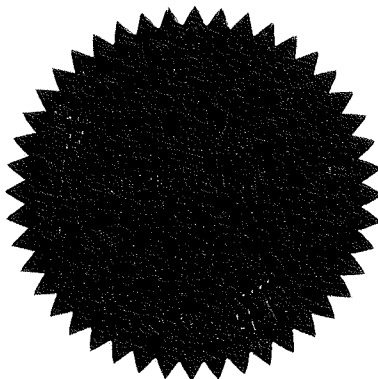
WHEREAS, this festival is free and is entirely run by children, with this year's event featuring local performance groups representing the American, Ethiopian, Filipino, German, Indian, Iranian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Mexican, Peruvian, Russian, Salvadorian, Scottish, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Uzbek communities; and

WHEREAS, the Third Annual International Children's Friendship Festival will be held Sunday, April 23 at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2012 to be

International Children's Day

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in honoring the talents of our young people and in encouraging cultural exchange and friendship among the children of King County.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive