

Proclamation

Whereas, children are the most important part of our future and the heart of our lives, and can be greatly impacted by their surroundings at home, school and in their communities, and creating an environment where children are nurtured is vital to society; and

Whereas, seeing the world through children's eyes means understanding how much stress can be easily absorbed by our children and how trauma can psychologically affect a child of any age; and

Whereas, COVID-19 has affected every family and every child this past year with children becoming isolated from their friends and watching their families struggle while figuring out how to grow up in these unprecedented times; and

Whereas, it is imperative children feel loved through the good and bad times, and essential for children to feel supported and celebrated during times of crisis; and

Whereas, traditionally, Children's Day or Día del Niño is celebrated on April 30 in Mexico and has been celebrated for nearly a century, and is also celebrated in many Latin American countries and throughout the world; and

Whereas, we want to acknowledge celebrations such as Children's Day to promote the heritage of Renton's many cultures, while nurturing the wellbeing of our youth; and

Whereas, Centro Rendu of St. Vincent de Paul of Seattle-King County partnering with the Americorps VISTA program is happy to honor this holiday through their commitment to bring joy to children, promote their wellbeing and cause them to feel uplifted;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021, to be

Día del Niño/Children's Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 26th day of April, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington