

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of Washington remains a proud farming community that understands and respects the contributions of farmers in feeding nations; and

Whereas, the State of Washington is home to thousands of farmers who still own farmland in their ancestral countries; and

Whereas, numerous rallies have recently taken place across the State of Washington protesting three farming bills that were passed in India in September 2020, including the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce Act, the Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and the Essential Commodities Act; and

Whereas, the passing of the bills will result in the privatization of farmers markets in India and will adversely affect the financial situation of many Washingtonians and their families back home; and

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim that the City of Renton stands in support of those Washington residents and their families who have been adversely affected by the Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce Act, the Farmers Agreement on Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and the Essential Commodities Act passed in India.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 24th day of February, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington