

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Stone has dedicated 43 years of her life as a leader in the fight against sexual assault, serving as the driving force behind the development and growth of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), located in Renton; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's commitment, passion, and tireless efforts have played a pivotal role in establishing and strengthening KCSARC into a well-respected and comprehensive provider of supportive services for survivors of sexual assault and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's leadership, vision, and unwavering tenacity have been instrumental in shaping KCSARC into the vibrant and strong nonprofit organization it is today, making a lasting impact on the lives of countless survivors and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's knowledge and expertise have provided compassionate and effective support to countless survivors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's commitment to community involvement and advocacy is evident through her participation in various boards and committees, including Leadership Tomorrow, the Alki Foundation, the Seattle Archdiocese Review Board, and her past involvement with the Mental Illness Drug Dependence Oversight Board, the Seattle Chief of Police Search Committee, the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, the Sex Offender Management Committee, the Women's Funding Alliance, and the Municipal League Seattle-King County; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's retirement leaves behind a significant legacy of transformative leadership within KCSARC and the City of Renton as part of the broader King County community; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim that, as a community, we extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to Mary Ellen for her exceptional contributions to the field of survivor support services and her dedicated service to King County Sexual Assault Resource Center; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that we recognize Mary Ellen's indomitable spirit, compassion, and commitment, which have made a profound difference in the lives of survivors and their families, and we wish her a fulfilling retirement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 13th day of November 2023.

Armondo Payone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington