



Armondo Pavone Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, in 2017, Renton City Council adopted a proclamation affirming our belief that an inclusive community is fundamental in building a supportive community, and promotes mutual respect and appreciation for all people represented within its community; and

*Whereas*, since the outbreak of COVID-19, immigrant and refugee community leaders and civil rights organizations have reported a regional and national increase in bias, harassment, and hate crimes, particularly against Asian American, African American, Hispanic, and other marginalized communities; and

*Whereas*, misinformation about coronavirus propagates fear that hurts people and impairs the ability of our first responders and other city services to provide necessary response to COVID-19; and

*Whereas*, each of us has the ability to promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, prevent the spread of misinformation, and reject hate and bias in all forms; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton rejects racially based bias, harassment, and hate crimes due to COVID-19, will not tolerate discrimination of any kind, and denounces all COVID-19-related misnaming, blaming and harassment based on race, ethnicity, physical ability, socio-economic status, gender preference/sexual orientation, age or religion; and

*Whereas*, we ask community members who observe or are experiencing incidents of discrimination, harassment, or hate crimes to call 911 to report the incident, whether it is deemed an emergency or not;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim

*Our commitment to an inclusive community that rejects stigma and bias related to COVID-19*

in the City of Renton, and I urge all Renton residents to treat each other with respect and work together to overcome all expressions of hate and bigotry.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 4th day of May, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

