



Armondo Pavone Mayor

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare, each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health; and

*Whereas*, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and

*Whereas*, while more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases according to the Food and Drug Administration, millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and

*Whereas*, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience significant hardships and impacts such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments; and

*Whereas*, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

*Whereas*, the National Organization for Rare Disorders is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 29, 2020, to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim February 29, 2020, to be

## Rare Disease 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 24th day of February, 2020.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

