

Proclamation

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez, one of the "Absent Sons" of Cuautla, Jalisco, Mexico, came to Renton in 1979, and opened several Mexican restaurants in the greater Renton area, providing jobs, supporting growth, and enhancing the economy of Renton; and

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez has been an invaluable and extremely dedicated leader in this community for over three decades; and

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez has been a pillar of St. Anthony's Church, providing insight, wisdom, and comfort to parishioners and the community at large in his role as deacon; and

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez was instrumental in establishing our Sister City relationship with Cuautla, Mexico in 2001, which continues to this day with the city recently hosting a delegation from Cuautla in October 2022, and

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez has volunteered his own time and served on a number of boards and local service organizations, including Renton Rotary, Renton Chamber of Commerce, Budget Advisory Committee, and Mayor's Inclusion Task Force; and

Whereas, Ted Rodriguez was recognized as Renton Citizen of the Year in 1997, was the Grand Marshall of the 2018 Renton River Days Parade, and was honored with the 2020 Lifetime of Giving Award by the Renton Community Foundation; and

Whereas, even though Ted Rodriguez is "retiring," his influence and service to the Renton community will continue on and his legacy will be forever cemented in our continuing history;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim February 6, 2023, to be

Ted Rodriguez Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 6th day of February, 2023.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington

