

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, May 25, 2021 is the 50th anniversary of the passage of Washington State House Bill 90 – Education for All, the first state law in the United States to grant public education to children with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the authors of Education for All—Seattle mothers and founders of Northwest Center Janet Taggart and the late Katie Dolan, Evelyn Chapman, and Cecile Lindquist, and then-law students Bill Dussault and the late George Breck—deserve recognition for their dedication to securing the right to an education for ALL children with disabilities in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, Education for All led directly to national legislation, as Evelyn Chapman and Janet Taggart were members of the committee that wrote Public Law 94-142, the Education for All Handicapped Children Act (EAHCA), later renamed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

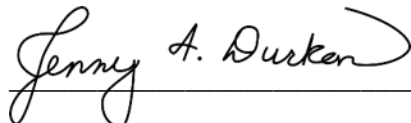
WHEREAS, today in Washington state, approximately 143,000 eligible students receive special education and related services, including more than 7,000 students in Seattle Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, nearly 7 million students with disabilities make up 14% of public-school enrollment today;

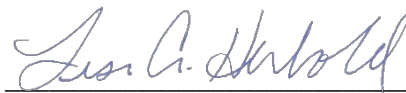
NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIM

May 25, 2021, TO BE

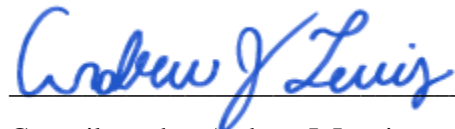
Education for All Day



Mayor Jenny A. Durkan



Council President Pro Tem Herbold



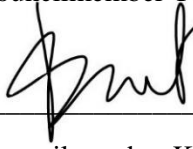
Councilmember Andrew J. Lewis



Councilmember Tammy J. Morales



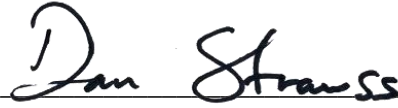
Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda



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