

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the city of Seattle draws great strength from the diversity and the rich tapestry of cultures of its citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *Ethiopia follows the Julian or Coptic calendar, which differs from the Gregorian calendar by seven years and eight months; on September 12, 2007, Ethiopians all around the world will welcome the year 2000 and celebrate the new Ethiopian millennium; and*

WHEREAS, *the Ethiopian Millennium in the Pacific Northwest (EMPNW) Organizing Committee has been hard at work, putting together an exceptional calendar of events here in Seattle to celebrate this unique and historical event; and*

WHEREAS, *celebration programs and a symposium will enable local Ethiopian intellectuals, students, elders, clergy, and others to gather together to applaud past success, to accept and process failures, and to share a common vision for the new millennium; and*

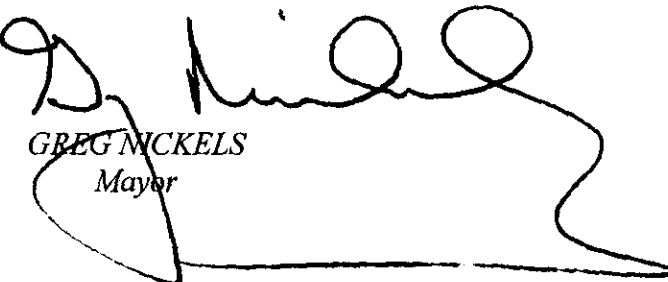
WHEREAS, *from September 14th through September 16, 2007, Ethiopians, Ethiopian Americans, and friends of Ethiopia residing in the Pacific Northwest will join together to reflect on the past and celebrate a new era of hope and prosperity;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the city of Seattle, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2007 to be

ETHIOPIAN MILLENNIUM DAY

in Seattle, and I encourage all citizens to share in this momentous occasion by joining in the festivities of Ethiopian culture and traditions.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor