



# City of Mercer Island, Washington

## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Mercer Island is home to people of many faiths whose spiritual, cultural, and educational contributions enrich civic life; and

**WHEREAS,** on Wednesday August 27, 2025, the students and staff of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis, in only their third day of classes, faced an unthinkable act of violence that claimed lives and left many injured; and

**WHEREAS,** on Friday, August 29, 2025, the students and faculty of St. Monica Catholic School gathered for an all-school Mass in their parish church, marking the beginning of a new school year with prayer and community; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Mercer Island stands with the victims, families, friends, teachers, and first responders in Minneapolis, affirming our shared commitment to protect the dignity and safety of children in schools and worshippers in faith communities; and

**WHEREAS,** this tragedy reminds us of the responsibility we all share to ensure that firearms are kept safe and out of the hands of those who would use them to harm others, and of the need to stand firmly against hate in all its forms, including religious-based violence of any kind;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby call upon all residents to stand in solidarity with those affected by the tragedy in Minneapolis, while reaffirming Mercer Island's shared commitment to fostering safe and respectful communities for all.

**APPROVED,** this 2nd day of September, 2025.

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Mayor Salim Nice