



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5592

September 17, 2019

Special Business

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5592: Peace Day Proclamation	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim September 21, Peace Day on Mercer Island, and announce the Mercer Island Rotary Club Peace Walk.	<input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT OF	Parks and Recreation	Diane Mortenson Community Engagement & Program Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON	n/a	
EXHIBITS	1. Proclamation No. 243	
2019-2020 CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY	n/a	

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

SUMMARY

This proclamation commemorates International Day of Peace on September 21, 2019 and announces the Mercer Island inaugural Peace Walk.

BACKGROUND

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on September 21. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution 36/37, the General Assembly declared this as a day devoted to ***“commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.”*** Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to peace above all differences and to contribute to building a culture of peace. People in cities, communities and villages worldwide engage in the International Day of Peace in diverse and meaningful ways.

Over the last year, Mercer Island Rotary has partnered with the Parks & Recreation Department to place 20 6' high solid cedar poles, dedicated to Peace in our community. The Parks & Recreation Maintenance team installed a number of these poles in parks and city facilities. Each of these poles are connected along a walkable path on the island. On Saturday, September 21, at 10:00am, the Rotary Club invites the community

on a Peace Walk to view the poles and celebrate Peace Day. The event will commence at the Rotary Park with a short ceremony prior to the walk.

Accepting the proclamation from Mayor Berlin are Rotarians that serve on the Peace Walk committee.

RECOMMENDATION

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