



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6404
February 20, 2024
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6404: Rare Disease Day, Proclamation No. 322	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Proclaim February 29, 2024 Rare Disease Day on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Andrea Larson, City Clerk
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 322
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to proclaim February 29, 2024 as Rare Disease Day on Mercer Island, Proclamation No. 322 (Exhibit 1).

BACKGROUND

Currently, more than 25 million Americans are affected by rare diseases. Nearly 11,000 rare diseases are characterized by a broad diversity of disorders and symptoms that vary not only from disease to disease, but also from patient to patient suffering from the same disease. Relatively common symptoms can hide underlying rare diseases leading to misdiagnosis and delaying treatment. Quintessentially disabling, the patient’s quality of life is affected by the lack or loss of autonomy due to the chronic, progressive, degenerative, and frequently life-threatening aspects of the disease.

The first Rare Disease Day was celebrated in 2008 on February 29, a “rare” date that happens only once every four years. Ever since, Rare Disease Day has taken place on the last day of February each year to raise awareness among the public and decision-makers about rare diseases and the impact on patients’ lives.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The key message for Rare Disease Day 2024 is Share Your Colors. Rare diseases affect people in all communities. On February 29, community members are invited to share to express support for the over 300 million people living with a rare condition, including those living with rare diseases in the Mercer Island community. #RareDiseaseDay

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