



# City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Mercer Island Preschool Association will hold its 60th annual Circus on April 25, 2026.

MIPA Circus is a treasured Island tradition that brings the community together, having begun in 1966 as a Dr. Seuss-inspired carnival called Circus McGurkus for the children of Mercer Island, and having grown over six decades into a beloved festival that attracts hundreds of families from across the region.

MIPA Circus is not merely a spectator event, but a hands-on experience where kids can move, play, and make lasting memories.

MIPA Circus engages the entire Mercer Island community, from high school volunteers to local clubs and businesses that host booths and games, embodying the spirit of neighborly connection and civic pride.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2026 as

## **MERCER ISLAND PRESCHOOL ASSOCIATION CIRCUS DAY**

All are encouraged to celebrate this remarkable 60-year milestone, attend the festivities, and honor the dedicated volunteers and families of MIPA, whose commitment to joy, community, and childhood wonder has made this tradition a cornerstone of our community.

**APPROVED,** this 17th day of March 2025.

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Mayor Dave Rosenbaum

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