



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, in 1990, the City Council began recognizing outstanding contributions of Mercer Island community members and the City has continued this tradition for more than 30 years.

At the March 1, 2024 City Council Planning Session, the City Council selected Doris and James Cassan as the 2023 Community Member of the Year for their contributions to the Mercer Island community.

Doris and James have a long history of community involvement on Mercer Island. They moved to Mercer Island in 1967 and raised their family on the Island. They started a Dollar Rent A Car franchise and developed The Mercer, a pair of retail and residential structures, providing homes and shopping and dining to the community.

They have mentored many young people on Mercer Island helping them grow both personally and professionally.

Doris and James give back to the Mercer Island community through volunteer work, big-hearted donations, and sponsorships for a multitude of organizations and events including Mercer Island Boys and Girls Club, Mercer Island School Foundation, Young Life, Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce, individual educational scholarships, and the Island's wrestling and girls soccer programs.

The Cassan's supported the Mercer Island Covenant church and its many affiliated nonprofit organizations including Argos, Nicholas Fund for Education, Wheelchair Mission, Urban Impact, Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army, and Nightwatch.

Doris served on the YFS Advisory Board for many years and the City is especially thankful for the Cassan's consistent and generous support of the MIYFS Foundation which directly supports the Youth and Family Services Department.

Through Doris and James' contributions, their impact on the Mercer Island community is deep and lasting. With James' passing in December 2023, the 2023 Community Member of the Year award posthumously recognizes his contributions to Mercer Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim Doris and James Cassan as the

2023 COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

APPROVED, this 18th day of June 2024

Mayor Salim Nice

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