



Armondo Pavone Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, Safe Place is a program that began in 1983 and has grown to include nearly 140 programs nationally, including King County; and

Whereas, Safe Place maintains a 24-hour hotline, 1-800-422-TEEN (8336), where youth can directly connect with Safe Place staff; and within one hour, a Safe Place coordinator meets with the youth, assesses the situation, and works with the youth to place them at a shelter or reunite them with parents or guardians; and

Whereas, since the program's inception in 1983, more than 15 million youth have been educated about the National Safe Place Network outreach efforts, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe; and

Whereas, Metro buses, local businesses and non-profit organizations are among the over 2,100 places in King County that have volunteered to serve as locations where youth can go and request assistance; and

Whereas, more than 379,000 youth have been helped at a Safe Place location or received counseling as a result of the Safe Place information received at school; and

Whereas, Friends of Youth and YouthCare have worked in partnership since 2012 to provide Safe Place services for youth in crisis across King County; and

Whereas, increased awareness will encourage more communities to establish Safe Place locations where youth can readily access the help they need;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim the week of March 21st through March 27th, 2021 to be

National Safe Place Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join those across the nation celebrating this special observation.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

