



Denis Law Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas, the late Senator Margarita Prentice left a significant imprint on the Renton community in her time here, touching the lives of so many in her city and state; and

Whereas, Senator Prentice first entered political life with election to the Renton School Board in 1986, and two years later became the first Latina elected to the Washington State Legislature; serving in the House from 1988 to 1992 and in the Senate from 1993 through 2013, becoming chair of the Senate Financial Institutions and Housing Committee, acquiring the position of chair of the Ways & Means Committee and later working as Senate President Pro Tempore; and

Whereas, Senator Prentice brought the toughness, common sense, and street smarts she gained as a nurse to the hallways of Olympia, always reaching across the aisle to work in a bipartisan manner; and

Whereas, in 2005, when Boeing moved its operations closer to Lake Washington, Senator Prentice secured \$5 million in the 2005-07 Capital Budget that was pivotal to the development of what is now The Landing; and

Whereas, a year later, Senator Prentice successfully sponsored several senate bills, allowing Renton to access state sales tax credits to financially aid in the annexation of the Cascade/Benson Hill Neighborhood in 2008; and

Whereas, in the wake of the Great Recession, Senator Prentice found funds in the state budget for the Renton Small Business Development Center to retain and recruit small businesses; and

Whereas, as the mother of an autistic son, Senator Prentice recognized the need for and offered her help with the Meadow Crest Accessible Playground in the Sunset Area; with Renton recognizing the Senator by establishing a donations fund for the project in her name; and

Whereas, while Senator Prentice rose to places of influence and prominence, she never forgot the plight of those less fortunate, the problems of her constituents, or the priorities of her local community;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2019, to be

Senator Margarita Prentice Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all members of the community to join me in 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 6th day of May, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

