



Denis Law Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, our success as a community depends on helping every child succeed in school and reach their full potential in life, and we realize that young people need a solid foundation of support to help them become well-educated, confident, and productive citizens; and

*Whereas*, Communities In Schools is the only dropout-prevention program in the nation proven to increase graduation rates, and this research shows that mentoring has beneficial and long-term effects on youth by increasing their chances of high school graduation and college attendance, and decreasing the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors; and

*Whereas*, thousands of Renton's children are in need of a caring adult mentor in their lives, and closing this mentoring gap will require more investment, partnerships, and volunteers ready to make a difference in a child's life; and

*Whereas*, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to raise public awareness of the importance of mentoring, recognize the dedicated individuals who serve as mentors, and encourage more citizens to help build a brighter future for Renton's youth through mentoring; and

*Whereas*, the core values of Communities In Schools of Renton are equity, opportunity, and collaboration, and they are in schools to remove barriers, create opportunities, and help kids stay in school;

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

## *National Mentoring Month*

in the City of Renton in tribute to the many dedicated individuals who volunteer their time, compassion, and talents to mentor young people, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance and to consider giving back to our community as mentors.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 14th day of January, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

