



Proclamation

Whereas, the year-end holiday season provides a unique opportunity for individuals, businesses, arts and heritage groups, and other agencies to come together and celebrate community traditions and culture; and

Whereas, it is a season of thriving economic activity; giving; and volunteering for individuals, businesses, nonprofits, agencies, and community groups; and

Whereas, the holiday season can create a sizeable environmental impact due to the international transport of a high volume of consumer products, as well as the large amount of waste resulting from packaging and mailing; and

Whereas, Renton's diverse and thriving arts and heritage groups, locally owned and managed businesses, and other local agencies help define and preserve our city's unique character, economy, and culture; and

Whereas, locally owned, independent businesses strengthen Renton's economy by employing our friends and neighbors, reinvesting profits here, and lending support to local charities, civic organizations, and associations; and

Whereas, purchasing experiences in the form of tickets to local performances, as well as locally created art, products, and food, can reduce the environmental impact of the year-end holiday season; and

Whereas, attending local concerts, local theater productions, and other festive local events keeps our communities vibrant and our citizens of all ages engaged and entertained;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim **November 28, 2008**, to be

Buy and Celebrate Local Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to support and enjoy the locally owned organizations in our community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 17th day of November, 2008.

Denis Law
Mayor of the City of Renton, Washington

