



King County

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the history of North Bend is closely tied to its strategic location as a gateway between Puget Sound and the Cascade Mountains encompassing transportation routes from early foot trails to wagon roads, to railroads and highways; and

WHEREAS, prospectors, railroad scouts, and military men were the first non-natives to explore the area around North Bend in the 1850s and by the 1860s Euro-American settlers had discovered the prairie and its agricultural potential; and

WHEREAS, the North Bend area remained largely inaccessible to commerce until the arrival of the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, the settlement continued to grow as the railroad encouraged the development of the area's resource industries resulting in the community's incorporation on March 12, 1909; and

WHEREAS, over the ensuing 100 years, North Bend has played a significant role in shaping the character of King County in its role as a gateway community, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt Triplett, Executive of Martin Luther King Jr. County, do hereby proclaim August 7, 8, and 9 during the Festival at Mt. Si to be

North Bend Centennial Days

in this great county. I encourage all residents to join their fellow citizens across the county in recognizing and participating in the special observances that will take place in celebration of 100 years of the City's remarkable contribution to King County history.



Kurt Triplett
King County Executive