



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the King County Bar Association was formed in 1886 by leading Seattle attorneys—including Judge Thomas Burke and John J. McGilvra—in response to unlawful attempts to intimidate residents of Chinese descent into leaving the city; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the KCBA has continued to champion access to justice for all; and

WHEREAS, the KCBA established the Washington State Legal Aid Bureau in 1939, with funding provided by association members for almost 20 years, then joined with the city of Seattle in 1969 to create the Public Defender Corporation of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the KCBA opened its first neighborhood legal clinics during the 1970s, a program that now includes 37 such clinics staffed by 600 KCBA volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the KCBA has awarded more than \$1.6 million in education funding since 1969 through its minority law student scholarship programs and has encouraged economically disadvantaged high school students to consider careers in the law through its Future of the Law Institute; and

WHEREAS, the King County Bar Association will celebrate its 125th Anniversary on June 22, 2011 at its annual awards dinner at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 22, 2011 to be

KCBA 125th Anniversary Day

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in recognizing the important role that the King County Bar Association and its members have played in improving access to justice for all County residents since 1886.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive