

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, the King County Bar Association was created in 1886 to discipline attorneys who had participated in lawless vigilantism seeking to expel Chinese workers from Seattle, and

WHEREAS, since founding the Seattle Legal Aid Bureau in the 1930's, the King County Bar Association has upheld a long tradition of support for legal services to the poor and the most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, since 1970, the Association has funded scholarships valuing a total of almost \$1.7 million for minority law students and has engaged in numerous programs to support diversity in the legal profession; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote a high quality bench, for four decades the organization has conducted evaluation programs and provided rating information to appointing officials and the voting public on individuals seeing appointment or election to judicial office; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990's, through its bold public policy initiatives the King County Bar Association has worked to support social justice programs and increase equal protections for the underserved; and

WHEREAS, today the King County Bar Association harnesses the efforts of over 1,500 volunteers to provide 23,000 hours of *pro bono* legal assistance serving almost 11,000 economically disadvantaged people in King County,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of the city of Seattle, recognize the

King County Bar Association

on the occasion of its 125th Anniversary

and urge all to honor and celebrate the Association's 125 years of outstanding public service to the people and City of Seattle, the legal profession and the judiciary.



Michael McGinn
Mayor

