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# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1991, after 30 years of armed struggle, Eritrean independence forces took control of their country and two years later the Eritrean people voted univocally for their independence; and

**WHEREAS,** Eritreans in Seattle and around the world now celebrate the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of Eritrea's independence and political autonomy; and,

**WHEREAS,** Pride in the Eritrean culture resonates across generations, inspiring even children who have never set foot in Eritrea to share their culture--through dance, poetry, and art--with their communities in the US; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle is a community that has become home to many Eritreans whose contributions have inspired a cultural exchange between people of all different backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** Celebrations of Eritrea's independence will take place all day Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at Volunteer Park in Seattle and all are welcome to attend;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED MURRAY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY  
PROCLAIM MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2014 TO BE, IN OUR CITY*

## Eritrean Independence Day

I encourage residents of all backgrounds to celebrate Eritrean independence and culture.



Mayor Ed Murray  
City of Seattle

