



The City of Mercer Island, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the American Association of Teachers of French has declared November 5th through the 11th, 2008 as National French Week; and,

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, a close relationship between Mercer Island, WA and Thonon les Bains, France was established, declaring the two jurisdictions as Sister Cities, meaning there is a significant connection between citizens of both communities; and,

WHEREAS, numerous exchanges have been hosted in order to strengthen this connection between the citizens of both cities; and,

WHEREAS, for many years to come, exchanges will be made between Mercer Islanders and citizens of Thonon les Bains, further stimulating the kinship between these people; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing National French Week on Mercer Island will help promote this kinship of citizens while encouraging Islanders to participate in organized activities during National French Week, further establishing ties between these two cultures.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Pearman, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island and I, Rose Leavens, Mercer Island High School senior, proclaim November 5th to 11th, 2008:

NATIONAL FRENCH WEEK

on Mercer Island and call upon the people of Mercer Island to observe this week with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies.

Signed this 3rd day of November, 2008

Jim Pearman, Mayor

Rose Leavens