



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, Deaf people in King County have made phenomenal strides as members of the overall community; and

**WHEREAS**, being Deaf is a source of pride to this exceptionally vibrant community; and

**WHEREAS**, Deaf people are a culturo-linguistic minority who have a right to their native language and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been great scientific strides in language research showing the validity of American Sign Language; and

**WHEREAS**, a hallmark of this community is the shared theme of togetherness and the desire to be included in the kaleidoscope of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, King County recognizes the need for Deaf people to come together and celebrate as one; and

**WHEREAS**, DeafThrive Day will be celebrated with an event at Seattle's South Lake Union Park on September 24, 2016.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim** September 24, 2016 to be

## **DeafThrive Day**

in King County. I urge all citizens to recognize and honor our commitment toward full inclusion of people who are Deaf.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive