



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, every year since 1920, children in Turkey have celebrated April 23 as “Sovereignty and Children’s Day,” a national holiday highlighting the date of the founding of the National Assembly in the Republic of Turkey by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk – and many countries send groups of children to Turkey to participate in the Children’s Day festivities, and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of April 23 as a special day for children has been recognized by the international community as the International Children’s Day – a day of worldwide fraternity and understanding between children, and

**WHEREAS**, Turkish American Cultural Association of Washington (TACAWA) organized the first nine annual International Children’s Friendship Festivals to bring the positive energy of International Children’s Day to the Washington community through fostering cultural exchange and friendship among youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the 13<sup>th</sup> annual International Children’s Friendship Festival will be run by the Washington State resident children, and will feature children’s performance groups representing their heritage from Austria, Cameroon, China, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, Latvia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, Serbia, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey, Ukraine, USA (Washington) in order to broaden horizons of our future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim April 23, 2022 to be

## **The International Children’s Day**

And the week of April 17 through April 23, 2022 to be

## **The International Children’s Friendship Festival Week**

in King County. I urge all residents to join in this special observance.



*Dow Constantine*

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King County Executive