

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Seattle City Council passed a supplemental budget ordinance allocating additional funds to the Department of Human Resources (now the Human Services Department) Youth Division for the administration of the Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, now known as the Seattle Youth Employment Program (SYEP), the program is celebrating its 50th anniversary and has a long history of partnering with City departments and community-based organizations to provide highly supported, meaningful, and diverse internship experiences; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, SYEP has served thousands of young people, providing opportunities such as summer internships, tutoring, group projects, and most recently, skills training; and

WHEREAS, SYEP's legacy is seen through many current City employees who were provided foundational work experience that left an indelible mark on their professional journey; and

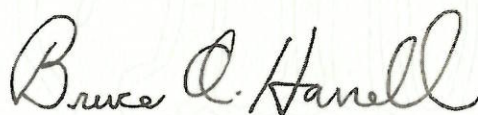
WHEREAS, in 2023, 54 employers hosted SYEP summer interns, including 18 different City departments or offices, providing 206 young people six weeks of learning and job skills development; and

WHEREAS, SYEP will continue to support hundreds of young people (ages 16 to 24) from qualifying-income households and communities that experience racial, social, and economic disparities, through its Learn and Earn and Internship programs, throughout 2023 and in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle commends SYEP's 50 years of steadfast commitment and dedication towards furthering the values of our One Seattle vision – fostering and building the future of our city by connecting and supporting youth and young adults by promoting job skills development and mentorship opportunities.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM 2023 TO BE*

The Year of Youth Development in Seattle



Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

