

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Megan Rapinoe joined the OL Reign in 2013 at its inception and has played over 100 games, scored 49 goals, and made 25 assists in the 11 years since, holding the club record for most career goals and assists recorded; and

WHEREAS, she has delighted fans in King County and across the world with exuberant dances, leaping goal celebrations, iconic poses, everchanging hair colors, and hard work on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Rapinoe debuted for the US Women's National Team in 2006, earning 203 caps, scoring 63 goals, delivering 73 assists, appearing in four World Cups, and was named Player of the Match and Player of the Year by FIFA and awarded the Golden Boot and Golden Ball awards; and

WHEREAS, she represented the United States in the 2012, 2016, and 2020 Olympics, including achieving a career-best eight goals and 12 assists in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Rapinoe boldly stands up for her beliefs and sheds light on inequality, making her an outstanding role model and resulting in being named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people on the planet in 2020; and

WHEREAS, she was an instrumental leader in the lawsuit brought against the US Soccer Federation by the USWNT for equal pay in 2016, and she has courageously advocated for LGBTQ+ inclusion, transgender rights, and has taken public stances against racism; and

WHEREAS, she was the first soccer player to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Biden in 2022, the nation's highest civilian honor, and has been inducted into the National Gay and Lesbian Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Megan Rapinoe announced in July 2023 she would retire from professional soccer after the 2023 season and will play the final home match of her illustrious career at Lumen Field with the OL Reign on October 6;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council and the King County Executive Dow Constantine, proclaim the week of October 2 to 9, 2023, as

## MEGAN RAPINOE WEEK

in King County, in recognition of her incredibly decorated career, unflinching advocacy, and contribution to soccer.

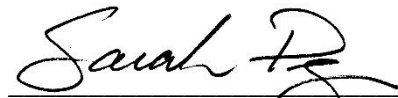
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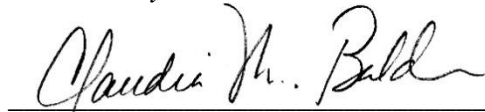
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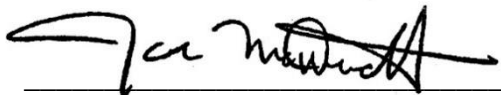
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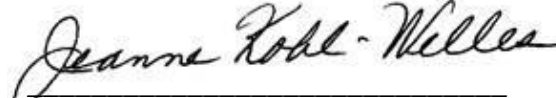
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