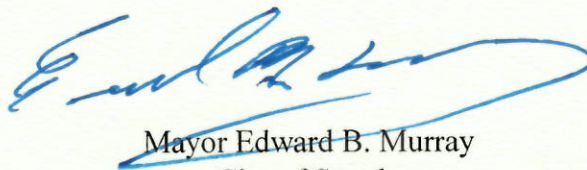


# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Seattle is a city that loves its cats – a 2013 news report showed that there are more Seattle households with cats than with dogs or children; and
- WHEREAS,** cats are purrfect creatures. They can make about 100 different sounds (dogs make only about 10), they have 32 muscles in each ear (humans have only six), house cats are faster than Usain Bolt, and some cats have even been known to detect cancer; and
- WHEREAS,** a cat will never make you feel guilty for vegging out on the sofa. Cats sleep about 16 hours a day – almost 70 percent of their lives; and
- WHEREAS,** cats bathe themselves, and they naturally figure out how to use litterboxes – no housebreaking necessary! They are low-maintenance, easy-to-please pets, and they are entertaining, too; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, shelters are inundated with stray and surrendered cats – more than 3 million nationwide, as reported by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – and when you bring a cat into your home, you are saving a life; and
- WHEREAS,** a shelter cat also can save your life. Studies have shown that adopting a cat can help lower blood pressure and lower the risk of heart disease, and simply petting a cat for a few minutes releases “feel good” endorphins in the brain and leaves you feline good; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Animal Shelter encourages owners to license their cats, which will help them get home faster if they are ever lost and will support the shelter’s lifesaving work for other animals in Seattle; and
- WHEREAS,** the Seattle Animal Shelter is able to save hundreds more cats annually because of its foster volunteers, who care for the shelter’s most vulnerable animals in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** Seattle launched Kitty Hall in July 2014, an event so unique and successful that it has been copycatted by cities and rescue organizations both locally and across the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Kitty Hall seeks to better the lives of humans and felines alike through pawisitive companionship, and we hope visitors to Kitty Hall will meet and adopt a wonderful addition to their families;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT ON AUGUST 21, 2017, CITY HALL BE RENAMED TEMPORARILY TO*

## **Kitty Hall**



Mayor Edward B. Murray  
City of Seattle

