

*City of SeaTac  
Law Week Proclamation*

*WHEREAS* Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law;

*WHEREAS* Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958;

*WHEREAS* the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day;

*WHEREAS* the year 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the United States Supreme Court's landmark 1966 decision in *Miranda v. Arizona*, concluding that statements made by a suspect in police custody are generally inadmissible if the suspect has not been made aware of his or her Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights;

*WHEREAS*, in response to this decision, law enforcement personnel throughout the country provide a Miranda Warning to suspects in custody apprising them of their right to remain silent, their right to an attorney, and their right to appointed counsel in cases where they cannot afford an attorney;

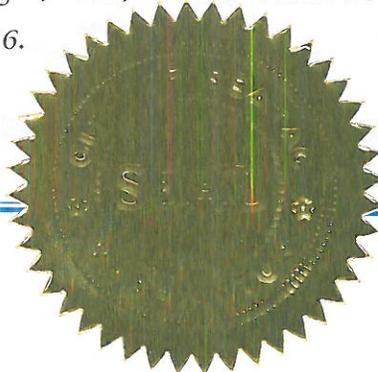
*WHEREAS* the Miranda Warning has become one of the nation's most recognizable legal expressions and a symbol of procedural fairness that represents much more than just the words of the warning;

*WHEREAS* the American Bar Association has identified the 2016 Law Day theme as "Miranda: More than Words";

*WHEREAS* Law Day, MAY 1, 2016, will be commemorated in the City of SeaTac with a week's worth of events beginning Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, through Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016;

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, Michael Siefkes, Mayor of the City of SeaTac, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6, 2016, as Law Week in the City of SeaTac.

Signed this 26 day of April in the year 2016.



Michael J. Siefkes, Mayor