

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Tacoma Community House began offering services in Tacoma on January 10, 1910 to Italian immigrant children; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma Community House started as one of the only settlement houses in Washington State and still uses the historic settlement house model of identifying community needs and addressing those needs as they change; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma Community House has made a tremendous contribution to Tacoma, including founding Tacoma's first kindergarten, hosting Tacoma's first baby clinic, cofounding the Community Chest (which is now the United Way of Pierce County), hosting the first boy scout and girl scout troops for youth of color in Tacoma, birthing several other nonprofit organizations in Tacoma, and many more contributions; and

WHEREAS, Tacoma Community House has made an impact on virtually every new immigrant and refugee group that has come to live in Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, the self-sufficiency services that Tacoma Community House has provided over the past 100 years are a proven, effective strategy of developing the full potential of adults and youth so they may achieve success, stability, direction, and become fully participating members of society; and

WHEREAS, the values of inclusivity, acceptance, empowerment, compassion, collaboration, diversity, equality, and respect espoused by Tacoma Community House are values that make the City of Tacoma a better place; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Community House Centennial is an achievement that Tacoma and its citizens are proud of;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARILYN STRICKLAND, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 10, 2010 as

TACOMA COMMUNITY HOUSE CENTENNIAL DAY

in the City of Tacoma and encourages Tacoma residents to honor the contributions that Tacoma Community House has made and the lives that Tacoma Community House has transformed.



WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
This 5th day of January 2010.


MARILYN STRICKLAND
Mayor

