

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

April Is Music4Life™ Month

- WHEREAS;** the benefits of participation in school-based instrumental music activities can last a lifetime; and
- WHEREAS;** research now shows that students who participate in instrumental music programs do better in math, science, history, literature, international languages, reading and writing, even in computer science and other academic disciplines; and
- WHEREAS;** music education is an integral part of a well-rounded education that prepares students for success in life by teaching teamwork and discipline; and
- WHEREAS;** the cost of owning or renting an instrument is a barrier preventing students of low income families from participating in instrumental music; and
- WHEREAS;** many adults have lovingly-used musical instruments that they no longer use stored in their garages, attics or closets and come to realize that their highest and best use is to put these instruments back into play; and
- WHEREAS;** Music4Life™ is a non-profit organization that has been repairing and providing ready-to-play musical instruments to participating public school districts for use by students in need since 2007; and
- WHEREAS;** numerous community events are being held in the Puget Sound area during April and May to bring public attention to this need; and
- WHEREAS;** Music4Life guarantees that all instruments will be used exclusively for the benefit of students in the school district for which they are donated; and
- WHEREAS;** Music4Life has provided approximately 3,500 musical instruments to children in the greater Seattle area, including those attending Auburn, Bremerton, Edmonds, Everett, Highline, Kent, Marysville, Northshore, Seattle and Shoreline Public Schools, in addition to nearly 11,000 recorders to very young students;

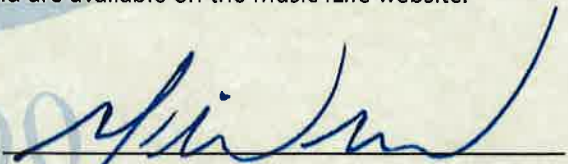
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, do hereby proclaim

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in Edmonds Washington and encourage all our citizens to donate any lovingly used musical instruments they may have to www.Music4Life.org and show what financial support they can to this fine home-grown organization.

Musical instrument Donor Forms must accompany the donated instrument and are available on the Music4Life website.

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Michael Nelson, Mayor | March 24, 2020