Proclamation

Whereas, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded program designed to increase the number of students who stay in school and succeed in post-secondary education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP focuses on students from low-income and underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to go to college; and

Whereas, GEAR UP provides six- or seven-year grants to states or partnerships to deliver support and resources to students and their families, starting no later than the 7th grade through high school and onward to attaining a post-secondary education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP includes interventions such as tutoring, mentoring, academic preparation, and financial education to improve access and success in higher education; and

Whereas, GEAR UP Achievers serves approximately 4,500 students in 8th and 9th grade in four different South King County Districts, with 2,058 students served from Renton School District; and

Whereas, GEAR UP provides full-circle programming, including family and community members, to support student success and goals by hosting college knowledge workshops, financial aid counseling, and family college tours; and

Whereas, the city of Renton is committed to providing a quality education for all students and helping them to achieve their highest potential;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 20-24, 2021 to be

GEAR UP Week

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 20th day of September, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

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