City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Holland America Line has called Seattle home for nearly 30 years, with ships sailing from the Port of Seattle since the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Holland America Line's new ship, the ms Koningsdam, is being christened by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in Seattle's Sister Port of Rotterdam; and

WHEREAS, the ms Koningsdam will feature Northwest cuisine and products, including items from Chateau Ste. Michelle, Elliot Bay Books, Microsoft, and Case Marine; and

WHEREAS, Holland America Line actively gives back to the local community and Washington state – including supporting dozens of local organizations, ranging from the Pike Place Market Foundation to Northwest Harvest and Seattle Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000 Washington residents travel on Holland America Line annually, and more than 86,000 guests will be welcomed to Seattle in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Holland America Line employs more than 1,000 people at its headquarters in Seattle, and expects to contribute $389 million to the Seattle economy and $547 million statewide – working with more than 600 Washington vendors, from food and beverage suppliers to piano tuners, office supply stores, and marine suppliers; and

WHEREAS, the ms Koningsdam and Holland America Line will bring the culture of the Northwest around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MAY 20, 2016 TO BE

Seattle Hometown Cruise Line Day

in recognition of Holland America Line and its contributions to Seattle and the Northwest

Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle