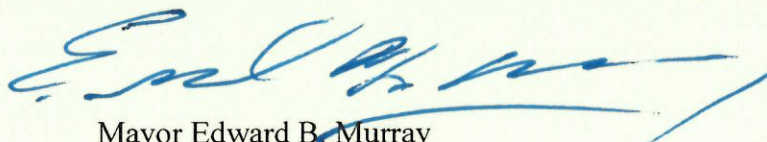


# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Joseph L. McGee, born the son of a union organizer, spent his entire 36-year career fighting for justice, fairness, unity, and worker's rights; and
- WHEREAS,** 28 years ago, Joe joined Local 17 as a Union Representative and upon displaying tenacity as a passionate advocate and skillful negotiator, he quickly ascended to the positions of State Program Director and Assistant Business Manager; and
- WHEREAS,** 23 years ago, Joe was selected to serve as the Executive Director where his years of faithful service have resulted in the remarkable evolution of Local 17 by growing the membership by thousands, substantially increasing financial resources, doubling the size of professional staff, expanding Local 17 to represent members in Washington State and Oregon, and strengthening the organization's reputation, all while maintaining the lowest dues in the Pacific Northwest; and
- WHEREAS,** Joe's tenure as the longest serving Executive Director is marked by his exemplary dedication to the best interests of the officers, members, and staff of Local 17, and by maintaining his belief that the number one job of a union leader is to build unity; and
- WHEREAS,** the progressive and innovative changes initiated through his leadership will continue to have a positive and lasting impact on the members of Local 17 and the greater community of employees at the City of Seattle; and
- WHEREAS,** I encourage all Local 17 members and City of Seattle employees to join me in recognizing Joe for his meritorious service, progressive leadership, and unwavering dedication to the labor movement;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 25, 2017 TO BE*

## **Joseph L. McGee Day**



Mayor Edward B. Murray  
City of Seattle