## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, King County is home to people of diverse culture, including a large and growing Indian community; and
- WHEREAS, Holi, the Hindu Festival of Color celebrating the end of winter and the welcoming of spring, is enjoyed every year in India and by people of Indian descent around the world, including the Pacific Northwest; and
- WHEREAS, Northwest Share is a non-profit organization in King County devoted to serving the community through arts and culture and holding multicultural festivals across the county; and
- WHEREAS, Northwest Share organizes the largest Festival of Color in the Pacific Northwest, in partnership with King County Parks, the City of Redmond, Experience Redmond, and the Vedic Cultural Center of Sammamish, with over 10,000 participants from the Eastside, Seattle, and beyond; and
- WHEREAS, the Festival of Color brings people together and creates community through joy, freeing people from their inhibitions with colors, music, dancing, contests, and food; and
- WHEREAS, this year, the Festival of Color will be celebrated on March 23 at Marymoor Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, recognize the

## **FESTIVAL OF COLOR**

and celebrate all the volunteers, vendors, sponsors, and artists who make this festival possible and encourage all King County residents to experience this celebration of community and Indian culture.

DATED this TWENTY-THIRD day of MARCH, 2024.

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