



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Tom Douglas owns 13 restaurants in the Seattle neighborhoods of Belltown, Pike Place Market, and South Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, Tom has been a pioneer of regional cuisine in Seattle over the past two decades, promoting the use of fresh, local ingredients (including produce from his own Prosser farm), writing several cookbooks, and collaborating with Starbucks on its Thanksgiving Blend coffee; and

WHEREAS, Tom has boosted the local food scene by hosting top tourism clients, ranging from meeting planners to travel journalists, to tour operators; and

WHEREAS, Tom's collegial nature and entrepreneurial spirit have fortunately proven contagious, as many chefs trained and mentored in his restaurants have gone on to start their own businesses, with the result that Seattle is now one of the world's must-visit dining destinations; and

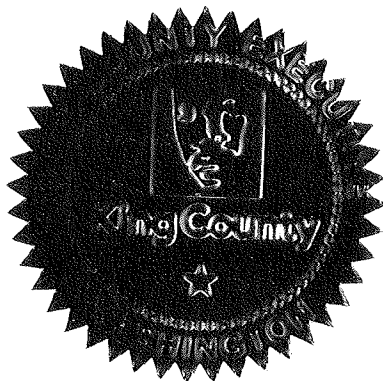
WHEREAS, Tom has also been an outspoken advocate for his community, including his recent, successful effort to build a coalition of local businesses to preserve the holiday tradition of Fourth of July fireworks over Lake Union; and

WHEREAS, Tom Douglas was honored earlier this month by the James Beard Foundation with its Outstanding Restaurateur Award, a prestigious national accolade.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 1, 2012 to be

Tom Douglas Day

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in congratulating Tom on his national honors and his many years of keeping Seattle diners happy and well-fed.




Dow Constantine
King County Executive