

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** the fourth annual Seattle WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk will be organized by the Russian-American Cooperation Initiative (RACI) on May 5, 2019, and will commemorate the heroism and honor the sacrifice of soldiers and civilians in World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** the WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk is an international event held annually before the Victory in Europe Day, and people walk with the portraits of their ancestors who fought in World War II against Nazi Germany and the Axis Powers; and

**WHEREAS,** this significant event, which first started in Russia in 2011, has become an international movement; and

**WHEREAS,** this year will mark the fourth annual WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk that will be held in Seattle, and more than 500 people participated in last year's event; and

**WHEREAS,** the victory in World War II was achieved through the immense struggle, personal bravery, sacrifice, and heroism of millions of soldiers and civilians of diverse nationalities; and

**WHEREAS,** the victory and the sacrifice of these soldiers prevented the death and the strife of many more, and stopped the Holocaust; and

**WHEREAS,** over 400,000 Americans died in World War II, and the WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk helps to commemorate their glory; and

**WHEREAS,** the WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk aims to preserve the memory of Americans, British, Soviets, Chinese and other soldiers of the Allied Powers who fought together, defeated Nazism and won World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important to pass on the legacy and the example of bravery, service and self-sacrifice of these heroes to the younger generation, to create a personal connection between people and their heroic ancestors and to immortalize their stories; and

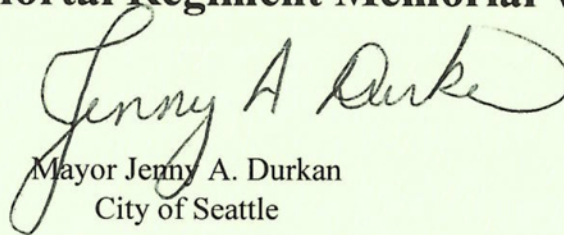


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**WHEREAS,** better knowledge of the history and the role of those who participated in World War II against Nazi Germany can lead to more productive opportunities for future generations;

*NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM  
MAY 5, 2019 TO BE*

## **Seattle WWII Immortal Regiment Memorial Walk Day**



Mayor Jenny A. Durkan  
City of Seattle

