



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, established in 1976, The Breakfast Group is the oldest (non-fraternity) all male African-American organization in the Pacific Northwest, and is dedicated to creating educational experiences and initiatives to help close the achievement gap that affects low-income minority and at-risk male students; and

WHEREAS, the Breakfast Group's Project MISTER is a dynamic program aimed at addressing the needs of teenage fathers and high-risk young men by working with the public schools to encourage teen males to remain in or return to school; and

WHEREAS, the Breakfast Group's "Tie-One-On" Luncheon is an annual rite of passage for approximately 75 young men who have successfully completed the Project MISTER Program or who have been selected by school staff for participation; and

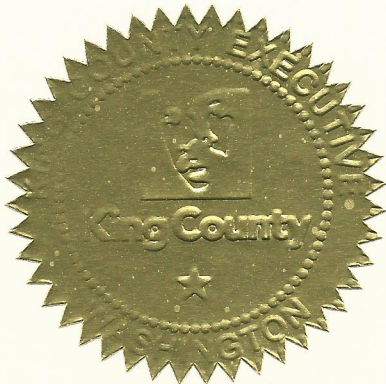
WHEREAS, students are paired at the luncheon with a member of the business community, acting as the student's host for lunch, and each student receives a necktie and a dress shirt (along with a lesson on how to tie the necktie), as a symbol of passage into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, the 23rd Annual "Tie-One-On" Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Fairmont Olympic Hotel's Spanish Ballroom, featuring a keynote speech by Seattle Public Schools Superintendent Jose L. Banda.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2, 2014 to be

The Breakfast Group/Project MISTER Day

in King County. I call upon King County residents to support The Breakfast Group's efforts to help young males of color stay in school and make a successful transition into adulthood.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive