



Armondo Pavone Mayor

## Proclamation

*Whereas*, summer is the hungriest time of year for many children, when families struggle to make up for lost school meals and food insecurity tends to increase; and

*Whereas*, more than 17.3% of Washington children are food insecure, meaning that they do not have regular access to adequate food; and

*Whereas*, in the 2020-2021 school year 48% of students in Renton School District qualified for free and reduced-price lunches, yet only 19% of youth in Washington state accessed summer meals sites; and

*Whereas*, the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option and the Summer Food Service Program play vital roles in helping low-income children get the nutrition they need during the summer months and alleviate food insecurity; and

*Whereas*, summer meal programs are most effective when paired with educational and enrichment activities, providing students a fun, safe place to be with friends; helping curb the learning loss experienced during summer months; and preparing students to return to school ready to learn and thrive; and

*Whereas*, the City of Renton and the Renton School District are committed to ensuring that no child goes hungry this summer;

*Now, therefore*, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim June 27 – July 1, 2022, as:

### *Summer Meals Week*

in the City of Renton and encourage all community members to join me in recognizing this important service.

*In witness whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 27th day of June, 2022.

  
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Armondo Pavone, Mayor  
City of Renton, Washington

