

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle was built upon Duwamish lands and our city has greatly benefited since its founding in 1865 from Native American cultures, contributions, history, traditions and art; and

WHEREAS, from generation to generation woodcarvers, singers, drummers, basket weavers, storytellers and many others have handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions; and

WHEREAS, John T. Williams was a member of the Ditidaht First Nation, a longtime Seattle resident and a master wood carver whose artistry was recognized locally and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the loss of one person is the loss of many years of cultural knowledge and traditions; and

WHEREAS, John T. Williams would have celebrated his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday on February 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle acknowledges this loss and honors his memory; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle supports the Williams family in the creation of a totem to honor John T. Williams and will provide space at the Seattle Center for the first phase of the carving - from March 1 through April 30, 2011 - and will provide space at Waterfront Park for the second phase of carving, starting May 1,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle,  
do hereby proclaim February 27, 2011 as

## ***John T. Williams Day***

in the City of Seattle and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.



Michael McGinn  
Mayor

