



**King County**

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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS**, the National Parks Service was established 100 years ago, on August 25, 1916; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Park Service's mission is to "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations"; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State has 15 national parks, 42 natural and historic landmarks and monuments and King County is a gateway and home to many, including two of the most visited and popular parks in Washington State: Mount Rainer National Park and Olympic National Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centennial celebrates the achievements of the Parks Service's first 100 years, while focusing on the future and a second century of stewardship for America's national parks, monuments, and memorials.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim August 25, 2016 to be

## **National Parks Service 100th Anniversary Day**

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating the Parks Centennial and supporting the National Parks Service to ensure our natural places and our history is preserved, documented, and accessible for future generations.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive