



King County

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, Steve Daschle worked his last day as Executive Director for Southwest Youth & Family Services, after 35 years on the job; and

WHEREAS, a former Peace Corps volunteer, Steve moved to Seattle to work at SWYFS following his graduation from Harvard University with a Master of Public Administration degree, on the recommendation of a friend, future Seattle City Councilmember Tom Weeks; and

WHEREAS, under Steve's leadership, SWYFS has expanded its services and programs dramatically, going from a 1988 budget of \$229,000 to the current \$7.6 million, and from 10 to 15 employees to 90; and

WHEREAS, as its clientele has moved south, SWYFS services have followed, adding new programs, including New Futures, which provides support and activities for children and youth in five local apartment complexes, and ParentChild+, a home visitation program for two- to four-year-olds and their parents; and

WHEREAS, Steve is a longtime leader and current co-chair of the Seattle Human Services Coalition, which works to find stable, dedicated funding for community health and human services, while advocating for pay equity for human service workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2023 to be

Steve Daschle Day

in King County. I urge King County residents to join me in celebrating Steve's 35 years of service to the community and in congratulating him on his retirement.



Dow Constantine
King County Executive