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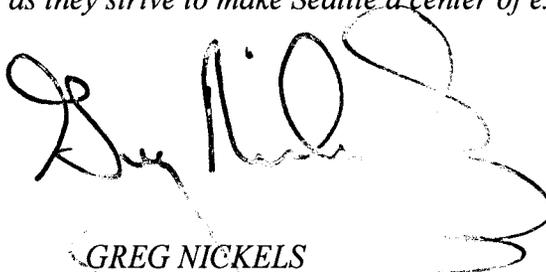
- WHEREAS, The City of Seattle draws strength from organizations dedicated to preserving the aviation industry in the Pacific Northwest; and*
- WHEREAS, Washington is home to many great astronauts that help inspire citizens of all ages to keep the vision of space exploration alive; and*
- WHEREAS, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is celebrating 50 years of space exploration, scientific discovery and research; and*
- WHEREAS, NASA is now nearing the completion of the International Space Station and retiring the Space Shuttle Fleet, while looking forward to the next generation of spacecraft that will continue exploration; and*
- WHEREAS, Seattle is a leader in this mission with extensive involvement from our academic community, commercial and private sectors, and educational industries; and*
- WHEREAS, the space related businesses located here in this region provides millions of dollars in direct contracts from NASA funding.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2008 to be

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION 50th ANNIVERSARY

in Seattle, and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing the important contributions made by NASA as they strive to make Seattle a center of excellence for space exploration.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor