



King County

Proclamation

WHEREAS, St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral has an extraordinary history of involvement with social justice issues, including living wage advocacy, sponsorship of food programs, emergency relief efforts, and other social services; and

WHEREAS, St. Mark's is an especially strong advocate for people who are homeless, including hosting the nightly Noel House Shelter for 25 women, financing and building a Habitat for Humanity house, providing pastoral care and street outreach through the Mental Health Chaplaincy, and serving as one of the first, and an ongoing, host of Tent City 3; and

WHEREAS, Dean Robert Taylor was among the first to call for a community response to the problems of homelessness, and with St. Mark's, was instrumental in convening a regional conference in 2000 that brought together local governments, nonprofit agencies, the business community and homeless people to talk about a countywide response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, St. Mark's provided strong leadership in convening the Interfaith Task Force on Homelessness, which helped to make possible the creation of the Committee to End Homelessness in King County, which Dean Taylor has chaired since its inception; and

WHEREAS, "A Roof Over Every Bed in King County", our community's ten-year plan to end homelessness was approved on March 7, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dean Taylor's and St. Mark's early and strong commitment to finding regional solutions to homelessness were instrumental drivers in the development and completion of that plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron Sims, King County Executive, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, March 15, 2005, to be

St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral Day

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in acknowledging the extraordinary community involvement and commitment of its leadership and members.



Ron Sims
King County Executive