

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the children of the Arab Center of Washington, Kadima, the Iraqi Community Center, and the Middle East Peace Camp have worked together all spring and summer to create a Middle East Peace Sculpture; and

WHEREAS, these Arab and Jewish children have come together under the supervision of Iraqi artist Sabah Al-Dhaher working with clay and marble to create a sculpture symbolizing world peace, and

WHEREAS, the children have read and discussed Arabic, Hebrew and English poetry to express their thoughts about world peace, harmony and friendship; and

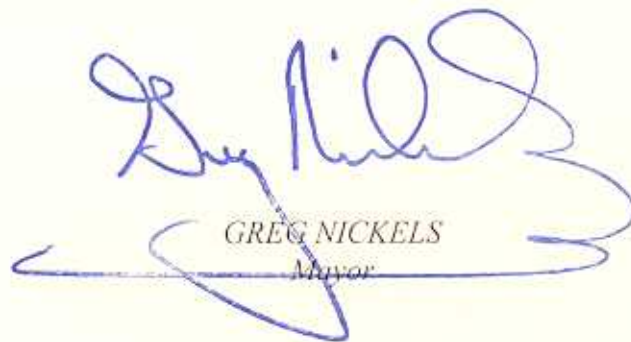
WHEREAS, the word "Peace" is engraved onto the basalt column in Arabic, Hebrew, and English, along with the names of the participating children; and

WHEREAS, under the project direction of Palestinian-American Aminah Ayyad, with the cooperation of the City of Seattle and the Seattle Center, the Middle East Peace Sculpture is now ready to be installed in the Seattle Center Peace Garden;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2003 to be

CHILDREN'S PEACE DAY

in Seattle, and encourage all citizens to join our children in their inspirational efforts to promote peace and harmony in the world.


GREG NICKELS
Mayor

