

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is proud to be a place where individuals embrace a spirit of adventure and appreciate the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, Dimitri Kieffer has lived in Seattle for 20 years, planning his expeditions and gathering the support needed for his adventures from his base of operations; and

WHEREAS, Dimitri and Karl Bushby are the first men to successfully cross the Bering Strait from Wales, Alaska to Uelen, Russia; and

WHEREAS, the team endured extensive training and completed their journey in just over 14 days, covering 200 miles of broken ice while pulling heavy sleds through sub-zero temperatures; and

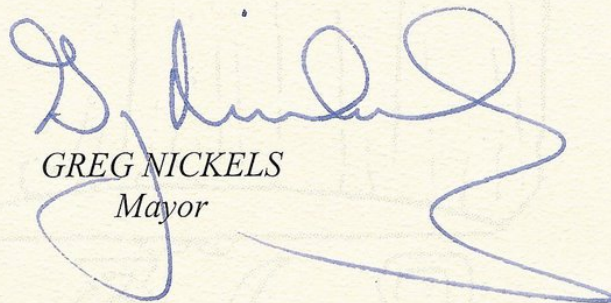
WHEREAS, on June 23, 2006 friends and supporters will gather to celebrate Dimitri's crossing of the Bering Strait and his safe return home; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2006 to be

DIMITRI KIEFFER DAY

in Seattle, and encourage everyone to join me in recognizing this outstanding adventurer and congratulating him on his historic achievement.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor