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Agenda Item: 4a

Meeting Date: July 9, 2024

**PROCLAMATION**

**OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (SEA Airport) was officially dedicated on July 9, 1949; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Seattle stepped forward in the 1940s to create the vision for SEA in support of the federal Civilian Aviation Authorities goal to create a regional airport; and

WHEREAS, Port Commission President Horace Chapman stated that building the airport, "is our duty, and if we can do it, we will;" and

WHEREAS, the current site of the airport was chosen to be between Seattle and Tacoma as an advantage for passengers and transportation infrastructure across the region; and

WHEREAS, the official dedication of the passenger terminal building and naming of the airport drew more than 30,000 people; and

WHEREAS, in its first year of operation, the airport, drew more than half a million passengers - that number has grown to more than 50 million passengers in 2023; and  
WHEREAS, since its dedication, the airport has grown to serve the people of the Pacific Northwest with access to hundreds of domestic and global destinations and produces \$20 billion in economic activity annually; and

WHEREAS, the airport supports approximately 25,000 jobs across all of its airline and tenant partners; and

WHEREAS, the airport is a gateway for many Washingtonians to explore the world for both business and personal travel and serves millions of passengers annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Port of Seattle Commission hereby commemorates July 9 as Seattle-Tacoma International Airport Day on the airport's 75th anniversary.

Proclaimed by the Port of Seattle Commission this 9 day of July, 2024.

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