In Recognition Hilltop Action Coalition

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Action Coalition (HAC) was chosen as 1st Place Winner for "The Hilltop Action Journal" newsletter in the category for the Neighborhood Newsletter Competition, Non-Profit Organizations – Print format, at the 43rd Annual Neighborhoods, USA (NUSA) Conference; and

WHEREAS, NUSA is one of the nations largest grassroots neighborhood organizations with over 800 active members from throughout the USA and abroad which provides opportunities for neighborhood activists, practitioners, elected officials, educators, professionals, and community minded individuals and organizations to come together to discuss, network, and share new and innovative ideas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elton Gatewood of Tacoma is representing NUSA, as the senior member of the organization, current Board Member, and National Past President on numerous occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Hilltop Action Journal began in 2016, with its first official publication in March 2017, it currently publishes and distributes four times per year; with many articles of interest regarding housing, economic development, businesses, education, employment, and youth, just to mention a few; and

WHEREAS, the entire community is engaged, all articles are written by Hilltop and Tacoma residents, and the publication and distribution is 100% volunteer driven, and established partnerships with local businesses, institutions, faith communities, schools, and non-profit organizations in the Hilltop; and

WHEREAS, the Journal also published over 40 writing submissions from local 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders; in collaboration with Write 253, a local non-profit, and the Tacoma Housing Authority; four of the applicants were invited to read their writings at the Inaugural Luncheon in May; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIA R. WOODARDS, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby congratulate the Hilltop Action Coalition and thank them for their good work and commitment to the Hilltop and City of Tacoma.

