WHEREAS, Community colleges are the largest part of our region’s higher education system; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges are a critical component to ensure our residents develop the skills and education needed to build success on the job and in life; and

WHEREAS, Community colleges are a primary resource for employers seeking the skilled workers they need to grow their businesses; and

WHEREAS, The lack of postsecondary attainment is the single most likely predictor of poverty, beyond race, residence, gender, or age; and

WHEREAS, Many innovative strategies and practices exist in community colleges here in Seattle and across the region, and many more strategies are awaiting the resources needed to grow and expand to become the important new ways of delivering education and training.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of the City of Seattle - in concert with the White House Community College Summit - hereby proclaim October 5, 2010 to be

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in the City of Seattle and urge all to recognize the importance of community colleges in training our city’s evolving workforce so that our city residents are able to share in the prosperity of our region.

Michael McGinn
Mayor