

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Panama Hotel sits as a National Historic Landmark in Seattle's Japantown in the International District, and represents the Japanese immigration experience; and
- WHEREAS,** the Panama Hotel, built in 1910 and designed by Seattle's first Japanese architect, Sabro Ozasa, was the center of the neighborhood, providing lodging as a "working man's" hotel, access to Japanese-owned businesses in the retail spaces, and the sento, or bathhouse, in the basement; and
- WHEREAS,** the Panama Hotel has been maintained and preserved through the outstanding stewardship of longtime previous owner Takashi Hori (1938 – 1986) and current owner Jan Johnson (1986 – present); and
- WHEREAS,** the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized the Panama Hotel's historic and cultural significance, and declared it a National Treasure on April 9, 2015; and
- WHEREAS,** through the National Treasures program, the National Trust will take direct action to protect the Panama Hotel and promote its rich history and significance;

NOW, THEREFORE I, EDWARD B. MURRAY, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 9, 2015 TO BE, IN OUR CITY

Panama Hotel Day



Mayor Edward B. Murray
City of Seattle

