Whereas, Jerene (Rutherford) Battisti has been an integral part of the Renton community, including her childhood and teen years, and was valedictorian for the 1963 graduating class of Renton High School; and

Whereas, Jerene had a distinguished career in library service, and was the Children's and Teen Services Librarian for City of Renton Libraries from 1993 until 2007, sharing her love of books and reading with a generation of children through her famous story times and the special bond she had with the children and teens; and

Whereas, she continued to positively influence young people in the areas of reading and learning as Teen Services Coordinator with King County Library System until she retired in June 2018; and

Whereas, her devotion to youth advocacy extended to serving on the Board of Seattle Children’s Hospital for 15 years, plus serving on Renton Technical College Foundation Board for 12 years, four years as its Chair; and

Whereas, Jerene has been an active participant in Renton Rotary for 20 years, and has the distinction of being the immediate Past President; and

Whereas, her continued commitment to service has inspired many to seek opportunities to give back to our Renton community whenever possible;

Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2018, to be

Jerene Battisti Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 13th day of August, 2018.

Denis Law, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington