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# PROCLAMATION

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**WHEREAS,** Patti Southard began working for King County’s Solid Waste Division in 2005, where she was best known as the leader of the GreenTools Program, which provides the resources, information, and tools necessary to build green buildings, and with them, a better, more sustainable future for our region; and

**WHEREAS,** in 2011, Patti was named a Cascadia Fellow, and in 2012, the GreenTools Program received Harvard Kennedy School’s Bright Ideas Award for her work on the Sustainable Cities Program; Patti was also named Honorary AIA Seattle and a Fellow of the International Living Future Institute; and

**WHEREAS,** Patti became an advisor to Homestead Community Land Trust in 2016 on early-stage design efforts for Homestead’s proposed Tukwila project, incorporating ideas and concepts used in the development of the award-winning Net Zero “zHome” townhome project in Issaquah; and

**WHEREAS,** after Patti passed away in 2019, the Tukwila project was renamed “The Southard,” in her honor, and ground was broken in 2022 on the King County-funded green building project, which created 11 affordable homeownership opportunities for income-qualified buyers, plus rental housing for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the day of the grand opening ceremony for “The Southard.” June 28, 2024, was chosen to coincide with Patti’s birthday.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dow Constantine, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2024 to be

## **Patti Southard Day**

in King County. I urge residents to join me in remembering the many contributions of a devoted King County employee, community member, sister, family member, and friend.



Dow Constantine  
King County Executive