

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, Choice Organic Teas has been a successful member of the Seattle business community for 21 years and is a great example of the kind of company that keeps Seattle business strong; and
- WHEREAS, Choice Organic Teas takes a leadership role in its commitment to the environment, social responsibility and to the community; and
- WHEREAS, the company became the first exclusively organic tea company in the US in 1989 and the first US tea company to offer Fair Trade Certified teas in 2000; and
- WHEREAS, Choice Organic Teas offsets 100% of their electricity consumption with purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates to support wind power and is working with Seattle City Light to reduce energy consumption, including a recent upgrade to a more energy efficient compressor; and
- WHEREAS, Choice Organic Teas is a regular in-kind contributor to causes and events in the community averaging over \$10k/year, most notably Seattle International Film Festival, NW Tea Festival and the Farmland Fund; and
- WHEREAS, Choice Organic Teas was awarded the Waste Prevention & Recycling Award in 2005 by Businesses for a Environmentally Sustainable Tomorrow as well as the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, today Choice Organic Teas celebrates its many accomplishments over the past 21 years as well as the move of its offices and manufacturing facility to the Georgetown neighborhood;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael McGinn, Mayor do hereby proclaim November 20th, 2010 to be

Choice Organic Teas Day

in the City of Seattle and hereby urge all to join me in honoring Choice Organic Teas and their contributions to Seattle and the international community.



Michael McGinn
Mayor