

Certificate of Appreciation for Federal Way's Sanjaya Malakar

WHEREAS, the City of Federal Way supports all of its citizens who follow their dreams and work hard to achieve success; and

WHEREAS, the television show, American Idol, is watched weekly by millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, thousands of young talented men and women audition to become contestants on American Idol; and

WHEREAS, from the thousands of auditions, only twenty-four are selected as contestants to begin a grueling competition; and

WHEREAS, Sanjaya Malakar, a citizen of Federal Way, was not only selected as a contestant but was also chosen to compete as a Top 12 Finalist; and

WHEREAS, Sanjaya has shown us all by his example how to remain positive and to believe in ourselves; and

WHEREAS, Sanjaya's charismatic personality, contagious smile, positive attitude and enthusiastic pursuit of his dreams are qualities to be admired; and

WHEREAS, last year Sanjaya sang at a fundraising benefit event for Federal Way's Americorps Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, today Sanjaya is donating the proceeds from this event to World Vision, the world's largest private humanitarian organization whose national headquarters are in Federal Way; and

WHEREAS, Sanjaya's popularity has introduced people across the world to the beautiful City of Federal Way;

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of Sanjaya's achievements on American Idol, and for all of his future accomplishments and success, I, Mike Park, Mayor of the City of Federal Way, do hereby express my appreciation to Sanjaya Malakar, Federal Way's "American Idol".

Signed this 9th day of May, 2007

CITY OF FEDERAL WAY

Mike Park, Mayor