MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, former newsman and congressional staffer Andy Anderson died Sunday, January 4, 2009 at age 77; and

WHEREAS, Andy was the consummate professional newsman, beginning in the field in 1948 while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, Andy worked 29 years at Bellingham’s KVOS, beginning when the station was a radio station, making the transition to television, and continuing in various roles until 1984; and

WHEREAS, his interest in government, politics and social issues led him to direct the offices of two Democratic congressmen serving the 2nd Congressional District—Representative Al Swift and Representative Rick Larsen; and

WHEREAS, as a congressional aide, Andy served the 2nd Congressional District with distinction, becoming an expert at navigating the political process and helping constituents understand and solve problems; and

WHEREAS, Andy was a tireless civic education organizer and passionate civil liberties advocate, known for his hard work, diligent research and his keen grasp on local and national issues; and

WHEREAS, Andy was a local treasure and his contributions to Bellingham and Whatcom County civic life will be sorely missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Tuesday, January 13, 2009 to be

ANDY ANDERSON DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this _____ day of January 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham