MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Blood Cancers are cancers that originate in the bone marrow or lymphatic tissue as the result of a genetic injury to the DNA of a single cell; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 894,543 Americans living with leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma; and

Whereas, Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer in children and young adults under the age of 20; and

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world’s largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education, and patient services; and

Whereas, there are 40 citizens of the Bellingham Community who are making a difference by training for the Lake Padden Triathlon and The Rock ‘n’ Roll Seattle marathon as part of Team in Training; and

Whereas, these members of the community have raised close to $90,000 to fund blood cancer research, education and patient services; and

Whereas, through acts of volunteerism and public awareness, the City of Bellingham seeks to minimize the effects of these and other cancers among Bellingham citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the week of June 20 to June 27, 2009 to be

BLOOD CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 2nd day of June 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham